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Property Needs To Be Rezoned???...

Town Council Passes On Pricey 61-Acre Real Estate On Main Street

by Kathy Cassanelli

Taking the advice of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, three department heads, and the Planning Board, Town Council decided not to exercise its right of first refusal on a 61-acre tree farm on

The council was unanimous in turning down the chance to pay \$4.5 million (approximately \$73,000 per acre) for a piece of land that Riverside Park is planning to use for parking cars on the west side of Main Street while continuing to expand the theme park and the waterpark attractions on the

east side of the street. At Monday night's meeting, none of the councilors expressed any interest in having the town purchase the tract, but there was a brief discussion concerning the need to rezone the property for use as a parking lot.

Councilor Dennis Perry said the property is currently zoned as agricultural and therefore is assessed a lower tax rate than industrial property.

Council President Donald Rheault said the land would be taxed at the commercial/industrial land value (once the council takes the parcel out of the agricultural zone), and Councilor Gina Letellier said Riverside had purchased the property "knowing they would need a zone change.

But, Councilor George Bitzas said he believes the park has the right to petition the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special use permit that would allow the land to remain zoned as agricultural pro-

perty.
"I hope it stays as agriculturally zoned land,"
Bitzas said. "Riverside has promised us not to
develop that space commercially and just to use it

The town was notified in December that Premier Parks planned to buy the property from Boglisch Realty Company to expand the parking space for Riverside Park.

Located on the west side of Main Street, the parcel abuts the present parking lot and could provide a second means of access for park patrons entering and leaving the parking lot if the necessary permits can be obtained in order to make improvements to the Boglisch driveway.

In a memo to the Planning Board and the Con-

terest to develop the property for recreational use due to the limited access, the location, and the existing traffic problems associated with Riverside

Last fall, Riverside officials said the purchase of 70 acres on the west side of Main Street for future parking lot expansion was the key to solving the traffic problem on Main Street while expanding and developing the park in the future.

servation Commission, Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos recommended against the town exercising the right of first refusal "given the purchase price of \$4.5 million (\$73,000 per acre), the critical need for parking to accom-

modate Riverside's growing number of patrons, and the potential of creating another egress/access to the western parking lot which will lessen

DPW Superintendent John P. Stone said his department has no use for the property, given the location and the high cost. Recreation Director Mary Keller said the Recreation Department did

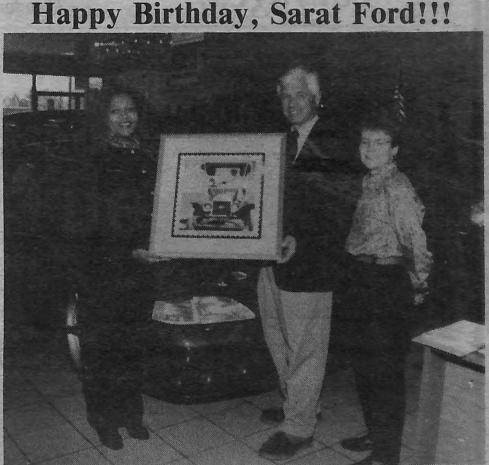
not feel it would be in the community's best in-

"Burn Awareness Week"

congestion on Main Street.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (center) presents a proclamation to David Skolnick (right), past Potentate of Melha Temple Shriners, recognizing Burn Awareness Week as February 7-13, 1999. Looking on is Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano. (See related story on Page 2.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN HONOR OF SARAT FORD'S 70 years in business, Feeding Hills Postmaster Maureen B. Price (right) and Agawam's Officer In Charge Yvette Smalls (left) presented Jack Sarat with a framed enlargement of the Model T Ford stamp. The Model T is from the 1900's "Celebrate the Century" stamp series now on sale at your local post

Offices. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Proclamation Recognizes "Burn Awareness Week"

David Skolnick, past Potentate of Melha Temple Shriners and past City Councilor, was presented with a proclamation by Mayor Christopher Johnson recognizing Burn Awareness Week as February 7-13, 1999.

The proclamation will be hung in the lobby of the Shriners Hospital in Springfield.

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has been a world leader in pediatric burn treatment. Although among the most expensive injuries to treat, all treatment at the Shriners Hospitals is offered at no cost to patients,

families, or any third party.

The Shriners' numerous Community Outreach programs offer Burn Awareness programs for school children throughout the Commonwealth, Pre-hospital Burn Management programs for emergency medical services personnel, and other awareness and prevention programs, all offered

free of charge.

The Agawam Fire Department is pleased to be a partner with the Shriners in their efforts to promote burn awareness throughout the community.

LEGAL NOTICE

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 11, 1999 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of D.L. Bean, Inc. for an amendment to the Order of Conditions for Family Lane regarding a revised grading plan for Lot 7, per the Massachusetts Wetlands Protec-

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman Agawam Conservation Commission Published: February 4, 1999

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Veterans' Corner...

Fundraising Continues For Vets' Honor Roll

by Ruth C. Bitzas Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Our fundraising efforts continue as we try to raise the monies necessary to erect our Honor Roll on Veterans' Green.

In August, we had raised a total of \$10,024.53 through our Veterans' Council Golf Tournaments and several fundraising dinners and a luncheon over the past few years. The Polish American Club of Agawam helped tremendously with their donation of \$5,000.

Earlier this year, we began including Honor Roll fundraiser envelopes in the Town of Agawam water bills. There have been five mailings sent out already, and I believe we have one more batch due

to go out within the next month or two.

Responses to water bill envelopes have netted us \$3,933 so far. Our total fundraising figure today is \$18,957.53, and we truly appreciate all the help

we have received so far.

The Agawam Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce have committed to donations, and UNICO has plans for a fundraising event (you will hear more on these very soon). We expect we will hear soon from the many other civic organizations and businesses in town that we have contacted by letter in late 1998.

The Honor Roll is a vast undertaking that will be worth the efforts of us all in terms of honoring

Agawam veterans and our Agawam history.
The Honor Roll will have six polished granite sections, each with a bronze plaque containing the names of Agawam veterans from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam.

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ty of Russo for property located on South Street.
By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Persian Gulf veterans and other veterans with campaign medals will be added later, as many are still in the miliary and we have no way of identify-ing them. We will have a sufficient space reserved for all Agawam veterans.

The following is a list of Agawam wartime veterans of the Vietnam War whose Home of Record is Agawam. This means that these

veterans resided in the Town of Agawam at the time they entered into military service.

This week's list are Vietnam veterans whose last names begin with the letters "I," "J," and "K." Please contact our office if you feel your name or the name of your loved one meets the

above eligibility guideline.
POINT OF INTEREST: On February 2, 1901, the

Army Nurse Corp. was established.

AGAWAM VIETNAM VETERANS - "I," "J," & "K"

David R. Irish, William F. Irish.

Gary F. Janulewicz, William S. Janulewicz, Jr., David P. Jenny, Paul E. Jenney, Andrew C.

Jorgensen.

Alan F. Kane, Norman H. Kane, Robert K. Kane, Richard E. Karakla, Richard J. Karam, Aaron Karolinski, William J. Kaskeski, Joseph M. Kelley, Donald R. Kellogg, Edward A. Kellogg, Bruce L. Kie, Ronald E. King, Stephen J. Kittler, Steve Knapik, Richard A. Knight, Edward J. Knudson, Dennis W. Koob, Michael J. Kozak, Randall L. Kruger, Chester Krygowski, Gary L. Kwader.

Agawam Democrats To Elect Delegates

The Agawam Democratic Committee will hold its caucus to elect delegates to the 1999 Massachusetts Democratic Convention to be held at the Springfield Civic Center on May 15, 1999.

Registered Democrats wishing to run must be at the Agawam Police Station Community Room on Saturday, February 13th, at 2:00 p.m.

Registration will close at 2:15 p.m. Fourteen

delegates (seven women and seven men) and four alternates (two women and two men), plus one odd delegate, will be elected.

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Editorial - "A Piece Of My Mind" (As If I Can Spare It)...

Trial Run For Bathroom Monitors At AHS Not Such A Bad Idea

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Many (many) moons ago, I learned a valuable skill at a School Department-sponsored weekend of training for teachers, parents, school administrators, and School Committee members.

Teams of teachers, school administrators, and

parents from the elementary schools participated in a weekend session in Rhode Island under the umbrella of the Adelphi Program to work out strategies for identifying and improving areas of concern within the schools in cooperation with each other and with community leaders.

Some of the programs instituted by our Robinson Park team are still going strong today.

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And that valuable skill I mentioned at the top of this column is still going strong for me today, personally and professionally. I learned it at a workshop led by a junior high school teacher who was part of the Adelphi training team.

The skill concerned coming up with a new ap-

The skill concerned coming up with a new approach to an old problem. The teacher introduced it this way: Suppose you are a junior high school teacher and one of your responsibilities is to keep order in the halls during the passing time between classes. Part of your job is to make sure the students do not run in the hallways, creating a safety probelm for themselves and others. Most of the kids respect the rules, but one kid runs by the teacher every day.

Every day, the teacher cautions the kid to slow down and the kid does. But the next day, the kid is still running down the hall; the teacher is still using the same technique of reminding the kid to slow down. This goes on day after day after day until the teacher, fed up with the frustration of dealing with this company. dealing with this same problem every day,

decides to get the kid's attention in such a way as to make a lasting impression. This day, the teacher says nothing, but sticks his foot out — causing the kid to go sprawling. Maybe the kid will decide he doesn't like taking a trip down the

will decide he doesn't like taking a trip down the hall every day.

Now, don't get me wrong. The teacher was not advocating tripping people — and neither am I.

The point is when your first order of business isn't working, repeatedly, then it's time to go to a second order change. Simply put: when Plan A is not working, it's time to try Plan B. No guarantees of success, but it's worth a try.

At last week's School Committee meeting, after listening to the student representatives from the

listening to the student representatives from the High School's student government (Interact), and Principal Joseph Zabielski discuss their frustrations in the futile attempts to end smoking in the bathrooms that have been tried over the years by school administrators and teachers, I would find it hard to turn down the kids' request for a trial run on bathroom monitors if I were occupying one of the seven seats on the dias.

Some people might even go so far as to say it would be niggardly to refuse.

Working with the principal, the students helped draft a proposal to hire three bathroom monitors at an estimated cost of \$2,000 per monitor for the remainder of the school year with an option to renew the program next year if the administration deems it a success. The money for this year's trial run would come from funds in the summer school tuition account. If the School Department decided to continue the program, it would cost an estimated \$35,000 a year in salary and benefits

which would come from the High School budget.

Yes, that is a pretty good chunk of change — equal to about what the School Department estimates as the cost of an additional teacher. School Committee members raised a number of legitimate concerns over whether the monitors would be able to make much of a difference, especially when students must be caught with a lit cigarette before disciplinary action can be

Still, other school districts reportedly have experienced success using monitors to curtail student smoking in their bathrooms.

And questions were raised about whether more could be done by the staff to discourage student smoking by more consistent monitoring of the bathrooms and by cutting down on the number of bathroom passes issued to students during class, especially in the last few minutes of class.

In the Letters to the Editor section, you can read a reprint of the Interact students' presentation to the School Committee. Decide for yourself if you think it's worth spending the money to try something new in order to give the majority of the AHS students restrooms they can use without emerging smelling like an ashtray. As it stands now, many students wait until they get home to

use the bathroom. Not a very pleasant prospect.
At last week's meeting, the measure was tabled indefinitely while Zabielski writes a detailed job description and rethinks the proposed pay scale. Let the School Committee know how you feel, especially if you have a kid at the school or if you'd like the problem alleviated before your kid



Letters To The Editor

AHS's Interact Student Govt. Addresses School Committee

To The Editor:

To The Agawam School Committee:

First of all, we would like to thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns about the High School bathrooms, because it is a very real problem at the High School.

We want to explain why it is such a problem at the High School. The first and most obvious is the health problem. The smoke in the bathroom is at times unbearable. As many of you have seen, there are ashes on the seats, burn marks on the seat of the toilets, and cigarettes littered all over the floor. If you went into any other public building, would you find this respectable or even decent enough to use? To be blunt, the bathrooms are absolutely disgusting.

Another problem you may have noticed was the toilet paper, lack of soap dispensers, etc. The student government met with Mr. Albro about this to find out why this condition continued. His answer was that the bathrooms were cleaned every night after school, which is true. If you have ever gone to a basketball game or event at the High School, the bathrooms are always clean. When we asked about the soap dispensers and other necessities missing, he said that these items are constantly replaced, but torn down by students. He agreed that monitors would definitely improve the situation dramatically.

The bathroom situation also disrupts the classroom as well. Many smokers ask for passes during class, which disrupts the flow of the class. Using the bathrooms during passing time is made even harder for non-smokers because the stalls are clogged with smokers. And at the same time, many students are afraid to ask their teacher if they can have a pass because they are afraid they

will come back smelling like smoke and be accus-

ed. As a result, many students wait the entire six-and-a-half hours to use the restrooms.

This issue has been discussed by many different groups other than the student government. The school council has discussed the issue at almost every meeting; it has been discussed at faculty meetings; and students talk about it daily. Interact talked with Dr. Ameruoso last year on this issue. He told us at that time that it should be something the students take care of themselves. This is an unrealistic option; these are our peers, and to put it plainly, there are enough pressures

put on a teen. This would just be adding ridicule and threats to their everyday lives. We may not agree with their decision to smoke

We may not agree with their decision to smoke and even be angry that they have the disrespect to smoke on school grounds, but we would not turn them in. Put yourself in that position. Would you yell at a peer of yours if he or she were smoking at work, and turn them into the boss? Now put yourself back in high school. Would you have turned in another schoolmate? This has actually been tried before. Mr. Zabielski would probably be able to explain the result better, but he informed us that it was almost threatening to the students.

We have talked with the Southwick High School principal, Mr. Delisle. They had many of the same problems as we have. They found that after placing monitors in the high school, the situation improved very much. He said that he would be more than happy to help answer any questions you may

We are asking that you fund three monitors five days a week. They would come in after first period and stay until the end of the sixth period, approximately five hours, with a pay of seven to eight dollars an hour. It should cost no more than \$2,000 a person until the end of the year. We have been told that there is money in the summer school account. We would appreciate it if you looked into that. Mr. Zabielski said that he would tolk with you about the financial situation talk with you about the financial situation.

Thank you again for listening to us. We believe that the High School is excellent in all aspects except this. It is the one negative part of our school and we would like to improve the situation.

Agawam High School Interact Student Government

Bachini Should Be Reinstated As Agawam High's Golf Coach

I was profoundly shocked to hear about Coach Bachini being released from his position as golf coach for Agawam High. I have known him ever since elementary school, first as a physical education teacher and later as the Agawam High

School golf coach.
'From then to present, I've always looked up to

What is the definition of a coach? In my mind, a coach is someone who aids, teaches, trains, repsects, believes in, and communicates fully with the athlete. Coach Bachini has met all of those requirements and then some.

His record is unmatched, with six consecutive league titles as well as producing many fine, thriving young golfers. Although his swing doesn't produce the lowest scores, he primarily focuses on the mental part of the game, which the average coach often lacks. He is a person who acts as a counselor to his players. He is very approachable in that he is willing to sit with someone, even after practice, just to talk. His enthusiasm and dedica-tion to coaching are obvious to the common

In my four years on the golf team, not once did I see him show favoritism or unfairness to anyone. One must earn his position for varsity on the golf course. Coach Bachini's discipline was also definitely fair; if someone missed the bus or he didn't come to practice on time, then that golfer

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couldn't play in the upcoming match. It didn't matter if it was a league match, Western Mass., or State Tournament, because disciplinary action must be served.

At the beginning of each season, he would have us set goals for ourselves as well as the team. During the course of the year, Coach Bachini would try, in every way possible, to help each one of us reach that goal. He has been such a positive leader, always trying to find the good in every situation. Before each match he would give us a pep talk and tell us that our team would never win a match because a player on the other team broke a rule; we must beat them by playing better golf than they did. After a win on the road, he would reward us single-handedly on specific accomplishments, which would encourage others on the team to strive further.

I could continue endlessly, detailing specific instances relating to the impact that Coach Bachini has had on me through the years that I've known him. For all of the previous reasons and more, I am truly honored to have been taught by Coach Bachini, and I don't understand why he is being released. I maintain that he should be reinstated. It is impossible to replace him.

Regretfully, Chris Rousseau Agawam

Bathroom Monitors Can HelpWith AHS's Smoking Problem

To The Editor:

To School Committee Members, Mayor

Johnson, & Dr. Ameruoso:

It seems to me, all the powers that be are sitting around and saying, "prove this" and "prove that."

And when people come to Citizen's Speak Time, they are blasted and told to go through the right channels. They do so and are then told, "This

right channels. They do so and are then told, "This is an internal problem that should be handled by the principal and staff in unity!"

I'm speaking about the bathroom situation at

I'm speaking about the bathroom situation at the High School. Oh, do I know this subject matter well. Doesn't anyone sitting on that stage understand that several things have been tried over the years and guess what, folks? They didn't work! Let's start with teachers in the hallways and

bathrooms. What is prep time for, anyway? Last time I checked, it was time allotted to staff to prepare for the next lesson. If staff is doing "Potty Patrol" (Sue Pettazzoni), then who is in the classroom? Another point to be made here is, even if the teacher is not on prep time, he or she should not be allowing students to enter a classroom without a staff member there. Where are the kids going to go? Teachers need to be in their assigned classrooms when the students start arriving.

Secondly, let's talk students. Does anyone honestly believe that one student is going to pre-

vent another student from smoking? Does anyone blindly believe that one student is going to "rat" on another student?

Come on, people. In this day and age with violence so prevalent in society as well as our schools, are you willing to subject any one of our students to a potentially dangerous situation? Another horror story was the locking of bathrooms between classes. Just one boys' and one girls' bathroom opened for the entire student population! Do you know how many students are in that building? Unbelievable.

So, now let's talk something that hasn't been tried. Monitors! Are they going to be the answer, the solution, to this constant problem of smoking in the bathrooms? Surely, we can't be as naive as to think monitors will **stop** smoking entirely. **But** they sure as heck might curtail it. I know as a child, having an adult looking over my shoulder always made me think twice.

Another positive to having monitors is that all female students would have equal access to opened restrooms without fear of harrassment or bully tactics. (I might add that monitors could keep all restrooms clean and stocked, as well. They would serve more than one purpose for sure)

None of us was born yesterday. Some peers can be very intimidating and the most vulnerable are the underclassmen. Monitors will add to the safety of the student body as well as the health and hygiene of it. I won't even get into the sanitary aspect of it. I was so embarrassed for those two young ladies when they were struggling to find the right words to express their desire for a proper disposal receptacle. I was just so appalled at the manner in which this smoking issue has been dealt with by this committee and the administration

Instead of berating people who come before you (and for the record, Mr. Zabielski and the two young ladies weren't the only ones who got scolded that evening), help these people by being attentive, receptive, informative, but most of all-courteous!!!

Over the years I have spoken up on several issues. I even ran for School Committee. I have been PTO president and currently work in the school system

I have had "hands-on experience" and I have been an advocate for students, parents, and teachers as well. Why, I've even thrown a few compliments to the School Committee, the Superintendent, and the Mayor! I believe in patting someone on the back for a job well done. Unfortunately, this time, I can't do it.

fortunately, this time, I can't do it.

Even Dear Abby would say, "20 lashes with a wet noodle" for the way you conducted business that evening, Tuesday, January 26, 1999. Have any of you seen a video of that meeting? Please, let's work together with Mr. Zabielski and his students and take this situation seriously

and take this situation seriously.

There's no time like the present to set things right. Support our kids! New additions with pretty rooms and pretty carpeting do not make for a successful learning environment as much as respect

and cooperation do!

By the way, does anyone know what restroom attendants in other public buildings make? Is \$7 an hour too much? Oh, yeah, comparing bathroom monitors to classroom aides? That's a good one. I know I'd rather be a classroom assistant at \$6 an hour than a bathroom monitor for \$7 or \$8 an hour!

Debra S. Curtis Agawam

AHS Band Acknowledges More Local Businesses

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Band wishes to thank H.P. Hood, Inc. Surprise! Card & Gift Shop, and Maria's Pizza for their donations of merchandise and gift certificates for our annual Auction held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18th.

These businesses were not mentioned in last week's "Letter To The Editor," and we apologize for the oversight.

We very much appreciate your ongoing support of the band.

Roxanne Borowiec Secretary, Band Parents' Association

Community Support Sought For Spaghetti/Meatball Supper

To The Editor:

A group of local friends of the Mike & Carol Ruehl family of 24 Jenny Circle here in Agawam are planning to put on a benefit spaghetti and meatball supper in their honor. All of us involved are asking for community support.

On this past Christmas Eve, Carol's brother, Randy, his wife, Christa, and their three children left their home in Maryland to drive to Texas, hoping to spend the holidays with family. While en route in their motor home in the town of Fort Paine, Alabama, they were involved in a tragic accident that killed Randy in front of the children, left their mother in a coma, and the oldest daughter suffered two broken ankles. Carol and Mike obtained legal guardianship of the children and have brought them to their home.

Samantha, who is nine years-old, remains in a wheelchair with two casts; Sabrina is four years-old and talks of the accident frequently and the loss of her father; and there is Randy Jr., who is 14 months-old and (I am told) looks just like his dad. This has changed the Ruehl family's situation (with two children of their own) very much. Aside from the natural grieving for Randy and concern for Christa's recovery, they are caught up with caring for the needs of these three beautiful children.

Carol has been forced to leave her employment and remain home to care for the children, and has recently been able to make arrangements to have Christa — who just recently came out of the coma

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she was in — brought to Health South (the former Ludlow Hospital) for her long recovery from a broken back, shoulder, leg, and extensive eye in-

Our reasons for wanting to help these new children to Agawam are due to the kind of people Mike and Carol are. They have a Girl Scout Troop and then there's a Boy Scout Troop, and Carol is the type of leader that takes her Scouts to Camp Bonnie Brae camping in January, to experience

As members of St. John's Parish, they are known for their good deeds, as they are well-thought-of at St. Thomas School in West Springfield (where their children, Stephanie and Christopher, attend). So, because of this and the future people of this mether and her children we future needs of this mother and her children, we

are planning this benefit supper.

The date is February 27th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center on Main Street, here in Agawam. The local Girl Scout and Boy Scout Units of Agawam are pledging monies, desserts, and are challenging each other in ticket sales.

Sr. Lillian, the Principal of St. Thomas School,

is helping with ticket sales, as is the marketing

director for Fitness First, Denise Moffatt.

Sr. Fran White from St. John's Parish is helping with the organizing, and members of the Phelps School PTO are helping with the raffle prizes. The Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative School printed the tickets, and the list is being added to daily. E.B's Restaurant is donating meatballs, and INICO is doing the cooking. UNICO is doing the cooking.

Community support will greatly help this cause. We all know that the phone call Mike and Carol got on Christmas Eve could have been to any of

Tickets are available at Fitness First or by calling any or us. If we can answer any questions or provide any further details, please feel welcome to contact us.

Sincerely, Leslie Young, 786-3785 Denise Moffatt, 789-1820 Pat Lyons Wolos, 789-2304 Carol Pietroniro, 789-2566

Public Is Encourage To Help Out Agawam Band's Can Drive

To The Editor:

The Agawam Band has a great tradition of receiving gold medals and great accolades for their talent displayed in the competitions that we

However, in order to attend these competitions, many fees must be paid, and thus, many fundraising efforts must be organized. That is why on Sunday, February 7th, we will be holding a "Can Drive" from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Infinity Freight Lines Warehouse on Ramah Circle in

The musicians in the band are asking the town to save their cans and bottles from Super Bowl Sunday and donate them to this worthy cause, as the money raised will go to transportation and competition fees for our upcoming trip to Virginia, where we will be competing in the Fiesta-Val.

The reason that I am writing to you is to inform the town of our fundraiser and to ask for your help in making this a success. The Town of Agawam has always been a great supporter of the musical programs in our community, and I hope you will show support in the band's fundraising endeavors as you have in the past

as you have in the past.

If you would like to donate cans to this worthy cause, please call Nathan at 789-6062, or tie a ribbon around your mailbox, and we will come to your door for the collection. Thank you very much for all your contributions to the Agawam Band's can drive and we hope that the residents of Agawam will help to make this can drive a great

Robin Przybyla

Jr. High Administrators Thank Volleyball Participants

To The Editor: The Agawam Junior High School administration and staff would like to thank the Agawam

Police Department and personnel, including Safety Officer Sgt. Steven Draghetti, D.A.R.E. Officer Karen Langevin, Officers John Moccio, James Donovan, Christopher Brunelle, Richard Riccio, and Anthony Cichetti, and Dispatchers Meghan Whitney and Michael Bryant, for participating in an afternoon of volleyball.

The police staff volunteered their time to support our students in a new program called PUMP (Peers Undertaking Major Problems). This group consists of students, parents, administrators, teachers, and police.

The group will be organizing activities throughout the school year and addressing issues of violence. The success of this group is heightened by the participation of others.

Thanks again, Kevin C. Littlefield, Principal Marc V. Costanzi, Ass't. Principal Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger, Substance Abuse Counselor Jeanne Trinque, 7th Grade Guidance Counselor

AHS Cheerleaders Say Thanks To Agawam Advertiser News

To The Editor:

EENEY, MEENEY, MINEY, MOE - TO WHICH
GOLF COURSE DID WE GO?

The AHS cheerleaders would like to thank The Agawam Advertiser News for last week's picture and acknowledgement. However, the Agawam Municipal Golf Course was mistakenly identified as the site of the tournament.

Seeing how St. Ann's Country Club is the only other course in town that wasn't mentioned in conjunction with our tournament, we feel it's only fair to acknowledge them as another fine golf course in Agawam.

For the record, we would like to again thank Oak Ridge Country Club for their support, and look forward to selling out our tournament again

> Sincerely, Donna Bodurtha **AHS Cheerleader Booster Club**

Agawam Resident Offers Praise For Local "Heroes"

A very warm, sincere thank you to one of Agawam's finest patrolmen, John Moccio, and to Leslie Melanson of ACE Auto Body on Main Street, Agawam for assisting me when I found myself in a real dilemma.

I drove down a new, unpaved street which is to be connected to another street. I ended up at a dead end on a decline of shear ice with a snow pile in front of me. I could not turn around, could not reverse, nor could I drive over the snow pile.

I was thankful that I had a cell phone in my car and tried to get help through my "Motor Plan." They were unable to locate their authorized tow-

called the Agawam Police Dept. Within minutes, Patrolman John Moccio was on the scene. He was able to reach Leslie Melanson of ACE Auto Body to come to my rescue. Patrolman Moccio hailed the tow truck at the top of the decline to stop as we would both be in trouble.

Moccio and Melanson stomped on the snow pile and Melanson stoffped off the show pile and Melanson drove my car forward, up, and over. When Melanson was getting into his truck to drive away, I asked him to tell me how much I owed him. He said, "Nothing. Have a good evening." I could hardly believe my ears.

Patrolman Moccio stayed right there with me on this dark, freezing cold night until I was back in my car and driving away.

my car and driving away.

Another thank you to my son, Tim, for my cell phone keeping me safe on the highways and the biways.

Thanks to all, Irene Scanlon Agawam

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Be Sure To Test Emergency Fire Exits

More people die from home fires than any other kind. Over 5,000 people perish every year in home fires because they don't know what to do. Hopefully, your family has prepared and practiced a Home Fire Escape Plan.

One important part of such a plan is locating and learning to use emergency ways out and alternate routes to safety. The Agawam Fire Department suggests that you practice using emergency exits to make sure they are usable. It's too late to discover your window is stuck shut and won't open when a fire has occurred.

In most homes and apartments, emergency exits are usually windows or stairways. Make sure windows can be opened and that screens and storm windows can be removed from the inside.

Make sure children can operate locks and know to get out quickly, not to wait for you. If they cannot get out, they should know to wait at the window for help, where the firefighters can see them. Make sure everybody learns to stay low and crawl to the nearest exit.

If bedrooms are on the second floor, provide folding ladders. Most fatal home fires begin at night while we are asleep. Escape ladders can be made of light rope. Metal ladders made for escape can be purchased at most hardware stores. Although most people plan to tie bedsheets together to form a rope, there is usually not time to do that in a fire. Jumping from second-story windows can cause severe injuries.

If you live in an apartment or condominium and your enclosed stairways are your emergency exits, practice finding these in the dark. First, count the number of doors from your room to the exit stairway. You probably won't be able to see the exit sign above the door through smoke.

Once in the stairway, go down to the outside.

Go up to the roof only if you are forced by smoke.

Most fire departments do not have helicopters ready to scoop you off rooftops. Remember, do not block the exit stairway doors open. Once smoke enters the stairway, your escape route is

not safe.
Your family may have several alternate routes to take in case of fire. Make sure you practice all of them as much as possible. Fast actions are needed in a fire, and trained responsed help those

If your family does not have a Home Fire Escape Plan, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 for information and assistance in developing a plan for your home.

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"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli **News Editor**

From February 1st Town Council Meeting CONGRATULATIONS TO MELCONIAN

Town Clerk Richard Theroux asked the council to send a formal congratulatory note to State Senator Linda Melconian on the occasion of her

ascension to the post of Senate Majority Leader.
"I'm sure many of you have already sent your congratulations. I feel so strongly about the job Senator Melconian has done for us that I would like to see us congratulate her officially," Theroux

Getting right to the point, Town Council President Donald Rheault said, "Consider it done."

LETELLIER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

Joining the cyber-saavy, Councilor Gina Letellier announced her new e-mail address at Ginalet a aol.com

DEFENDING THE DPW

Always a convenient target for the slings and arrows of just about everyone who ventures out

onto the public roads or walkways at this time of the year, the Department of Public Works earned high marks from Councilor Gary Geiger for helping senior citizens clear the ends of their driveways of snow and ice and for doing the best job they could under trying weather conditions that left him unable to clear the parking lot of the

restaurant he manages in Connecticut.

At issue was the handling of the January 14th and 15th storm that left most road crews in the area struggling with a five-inch build-up of ice on

the roads and sidewalks.

Councilor **Dennis Perry** questioned the cost of the clean-up and decried the deplorable road conditions that residents were forced to endure before hired contractors brought in bucketloaders to scrape the streets free of ice and snow.

Citing records showing the DPW spent \$57,101.26 on the storm (not including the cost of the extra contractors), Perry said, "That seems

like a lot of money to me for one storm."

Other councilors defended the DPW as well as the expense of clearing the roads in the wake of an ice storm that left the region struggling to clear the streets and repair the potholes caused by the

"I don't think we'll see storms like that for 10 years," Geiger said. "They did the best they could and I think they've been beaten up enough."

Councilor Edward Caba said the DPW should stop trying to fix the potholes until spring when hot paving materials can be used to repair the roads. Caba said it was a waste of money to fill potholes with the cold patch that is soon scattered by cars driving by.

Of the \$239,100 appropritated by the council for winter storm clean-up, \$126,767 has already been spent. Prior to the January 14th/15th storm, the DPW has spent \$469,665.82 to cover the cost of storm-related supplies, overtime, and hired plows.

Agawam Police Dept. **Reminds Public About New Firearm Laws**

The Agawam Police Department would like to remind gun owners to safely store their guns. The new firearm laws demand that adult owners of guns keep those weapons away from children under the age of 18 by storing them in places not accessible to such children or securing them in

This requirement does not apply where the gun is under the direct control of the gun owner. Viola-tions of the section of the law will result in possi-

ble fines or imprisonment.

Morever, improper storage shall be evidence of wanton or reckless" conduct in cases where failure to safely store weapons leads to the injury or death of another committed by a minor under 18 years of age who is not properly licensed.

This evidentiary standard may be used against the gun owner in both criminal and civil actions. To be more specific, if a child (under 18 years of

age) injures or kills someone with your gun, you are responsible as the gun owner.

The Agawam Police Department requires all of its off-duty officers to secure their department-issued pistols in locked containers. As an added security measure, for the safety of children and others, the police department has also issued trigger locks to all of the officers for use with their department weapons.

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"Employee Appreciation Days" **Honor Town Workers**

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Agawam Town Council President Donald Rheault recently honored 203 town employees during "Employee Appreciation Days.

According to Mayor Johnson, "The Employee Recognition Program created this year provides an opportunity to formally recognize and reward employees for their hard work and dedication which contributes to town's excellence."

Employees who have completed at least five years of continuous service were honored at department luncheons held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course on January 11th, 13th, and 14th. All employees received a personalized award with their name and years of service as well as a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the

The program will be an annual event of the

town.

40 YEARS:

Louis J. Calabrese, Fire; Carol J. Taylor, Auditor 33 YEARS:

John J. Savioli, DPW.

32 YEARS:

P. Jacques Beaulieu, DPW.

31 YEARS:

William M. Dowd, DPW; Richard A. Pomeroy, DPW; John P. Stone, DPW. 30 YEARS:

Gerald F. O'Keefe, Police.

29 YEARS:

Kenneth L. Blair, Fire; Robert A. Briggs, Fire; Ronald J. Giordano, Fire; Ralph K. Grady, Jr., Police; Raymond K. Pond, Fire; William J. Sliech, Police.

28 YEARS:

Dana A. Almquist, Bldg. Maintenance; Mark A. Bielinski, DPW; Vernon P. Farmer, DPW; Walter J. Valego, DPW. 27 YEARS:

Roger N. Brown, DPW; Daniel J. Ciak, Jr., Police; Earl R. Crowley, DPW; Linda A. Mercadante, Mayor; Gary Schneider, Fire. 26 YEARS:

William J. Pelley, Fire.

25 YEARS:

Donna M. Campbell, Library; Robert D. Campbell, Police; Jeanne M. Hofmann, Library; Anthony E. Malone, Police; Fred E. Messier, Jr., Data Processing; Donald E. Loncto, Police; Michael E. Piccin, DPW: Donald E. Savaria, Fire; Richard M. Theroux, Clerk.

24 YEARS:

Kenneth P. Avondo, Jr., Fire; Alan E. Boissoneault, Fire; Andrea R. Ciak, DPW; Joseph H. Cimaroli, Fire; Roland J. Dymon, Police; Lawrence M. Grady, Fire; Henry A. Lach, Engineering; Wayne K. Macey, Police; Aldo A. Mancini, Jr., DPW; Eugene A. Mutti, Fire; Kenneth E. Peck, Jr., DPW: Donald Wells, Fire.

Frances A. Ennis, Inspection Services; Nicholas W. Lascala, DPW; Robert F. Marsh, Police; Ross A. Wojcik, Bldg. Maintenance. 22 YEARS:

Peter J. Bertera, Jr., Police.

21 YEARS:

Anthony F. Albro, Bldg. Maintenance; Gary E. Brown, Fire; Randall E. Cushing, Fire; Roger S. Kupec, Bldg. Maintenance; David D. Pisano, Fire; Richard D. Weld, Fire.

20 YEARS: Lois T. Mastromatteo, Police; Dianne S. Moreau, Veterans' Services; Ralph L. Myers, DPW.

19 YEARS

Stephen I. Bonesteel, DPW; Nicholas S. Demko, Sr., Fire; Steven G. Draghetti, Police; Joseph F. Giordano, Fire; Gary E. Nardi, Police; Richard J. Niles, Police; Mark G. Poggi, Police; Dominic J. Urbinati, Inspection Services

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MAYOR CHRISTOHPHER JOHNSON AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT DONALD RHEAULT with employees of the Park and Recreation Department, the Agawam Public Library, and the Council On Aging at a luncheon held in their honor at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYOR JOHNSON AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT RHEAULT with Building Maintenance Department employees during "Employee Appreciation Days." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HONORED TOWN OF AGAWAM administrative and clerical employees with Mayor Johnson and Council President Rheault. This recognition program will be an annual event in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.







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Zoning Advisory Board To Interview Consultant At February 8th Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

The Zoning Advisory Task Force will interview the sole candidate to reply to the town's request for a proposal to revise and re-codify the zoning

by-laws at their meeting on Monday night, February 8th at 7:15 at the Police Station Community Room.

A full-time professor at the New England School of Law in Boston, Foxborough Attorney Mark Bobrowski has worked on recodification projects in many Massachusetts communities and has prepared zoning by-laws and subdivision regulations for dozens of cities and towns

Assigned the task of checking Bobrowski's references, Director of Planning and Community Development Deborah S. Dachos received nothing but glowing reports from five com-munities listed in his resume. Ms. Dachos said four of the communities have been listed as references and she had chosen the fifth community from Bobrowski's resume.

Glowing Reports

"They were all glowing reports," Ms. Dachos said. "Everyone I spoke to said he was excellent working with communities and bringing in diverse viewpoints. For every issue that was raised, he would give them two possibilities, the more progressive approach as well as the more conservative approach. He was always there to make presentations and all the communities said his propsoals were adopted. He does it all himself.

He doesn't use students or paralegals."
At next week's interview, Advisory Board Chairman (Town Councilor) Gina Letellier will ask the consultant a series or prepared questions, hold a brief recess, and then resume the session with follow-up questions from individual board

At their meeting last week, advisory task force members agreed that the interview with the consultant should cover common areas of concern in zoning issues as well as trends in zoning and anticipation of future problems. The panel plans to ask Bobrowski to discuss his recommendations for site plan review, granting of special permits, and non-conformity issues.

Advisory board member Edward Shibley said

the consultant should be asked to approach any recodification or proposed changes in the zoning by-laws with the understanding of where the town

is now in terms of development.

"That is, 80 percent built out as opposed to abundant open space," Shibley explained.

Board member and Town Councilor Robert Young said the board should ask the consultant how he will deal with incorporating the ideas of

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the public in his recommendations. "We want to

see how he values public input," Young said.
In his recodification proposal, Bobrowski said
he would identify, prioritize, and categorize deficiencies in the zoning code in three categories to provide focus to the recodification project at his first meeting with the advisory board.

The three proposed categories are:

Changes easiest to resolve. Include cosmetic changes like renumbering, relocation within the by-laws, deletions, and the creation of charts.

Minor Changes. Amending the by-laws to conform to case law or statutory changes, resolving inconsistencies, adding routine planning provisions, and writing new definitions.

Necessary substantive changes. Identifying substantive changes, including new sections that would have major planning impacts or policy

Bobrowski said a preliminary review of the zoning code indicates a minor change is needed to the provisions for site plan, special permit, and non-conformity issues in order to bring the code

In addition to teaching courses in land use law and local government law, Bobrowski is the author of the Handbook of Massachusetts Land Use and Planning Law and a frequent speaker at planning and zoning conferences across the state.

"EMPLOYEES" - from Page 8...

18 YEARS:
Brian W. Blackak, DPW; Michael J. Blake, Bldg.
Maintenance; James K. Brown, Fire; Charlotte M.
Cebula, Personnel; Douglas B. Cesan, Fire;
Richard B. Curry, Police; James E. Flynn, DPW;
Michael R. Mercadante, Fire; Karl J. Schmaelzle, Fire. 17 YEARS:

Judith A. Beauregard, Clerk; Mary A. Knowles, Library; Rosemarie Remillard, Collector.

16 YEARS:

Richard C. Allen, Bldg. Maintenance; William C. Barker, Jr., Fire; Hilda T. Bartnik, Health; Ruth A. Bitzas, Veterans' Services; Paula A. Burke, Treasurer; Mark A. Ceccarini, Police; Richard J. Conlon, Jr., Police; Michael A. Gruska, Police; Robert H. Kerr, Fire; James M. Lancour, Fire; Stanley F. Marek, Bldg. Maintenance; Stephen M. Martin, Fire; Gary M. Masciotra, DPW; Chester J. Nicora, Jr.; Appearance, Behart, M. Scriph, Bldg. Nicora, Jr., Assessor; Robert M. Smith, Bldg. 15 YEARS:

Deborah S. Dachos, Planning; Karen L. Langevin, Police; Patricia A. McCarthy, Police; Richard Munco, COA; Gary F. O'Brien; Donald J. Pisano, Fire; Nancy C. Pryce, Parks and Recreation; Ursula H. Retzler, Council.

14 YEARS:

Carol L. Borecki, Bldg. Maintenance; Patricia Breton, Library; Linda M. Cusson, Inspection Ser-vices; Fred J. Giordano, Fire; Pauline P. Mercadante, Collector; Lawrence M. Montagna, DPW; Michael A. Pietroniro, Fire; Robert F. Pollock, Bldg. Maintenance; Roberto O. Rivera, DPW; James J. Sibilia, Fire; Judy V. Spencer, Treasurer. (The remainder of the "Employee Service Award" recipients will be published next week.)

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Melconian To Chair Giving Campaign For **Girl Scout Council**

Jill Paul, Executive Director of Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, is pleased to announce that State Senator Linda Melconian will serve as Honorary Annual Giving Chairperson for the 1999 campaign, "Girls Scouts: A Partnership That

Affirming that she is looking forward to the challenges of serving as Honorary Chair for the annual fundraising effort, Senator Melconian, Majority Leader of the Massachusetts State Senate, said, "The Girl Scouts provide solid role models who instill integrity, compassion, and confidence in our young women. I encourage everyone in our community to join with me in supporting the Girl Scouts 1999 Annual Giving Campaign.

"The fruitful years I spent as a Girl Scout," Sen. Melconian asserted, "helped prepare me for the leadership role I now hold."

Sen. Melconian, a former Girl Scout herself, will offer leadership to the campaign which promotes the Girl Scouting partnership with parents, families, friends, and local businesses in the com-

More than 80 percent of the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council budget is devoted to program, membership services, and adult support. Contributions to the annual giving campaign help keep camp and program activities affordable, and provide training and support to leaders and other volunteers free of charge. Annual giving is a vital part of the financial support needed to provide programs for girls that are contemporary and in-novative, and services that can ensure that every



STATE SENATOR LINDA MELCONIAN (center) with Springfield attorney Patricia O'Connell (left), first vice president of the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, and PVGSC Executive Director Jill Paul (right).

girl has a chance to be a Girl Scout.

Setting the overall goal of this year's annual giving campaign at \$66,000, Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council has segmented the campaign into various divisions, each charged with its own goal.

Chairing the Board Division is Beverly Rzewnicki, Vice President of Cash Management at SIS Bank. Ms. Rzewnicki is a resident of Feeding Hills and Immediate Past President of Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council.

Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council serves the

communities of Agawam, Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Springfield, Ware, West Springfield, and Wilbraham.

The Council office is located at 40 Harkness Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. If you would like to make a contribution or would like information on the Girl Scout Annual Giving Cam-

formation on the Girl Scout Annual Giving Campaign, please contact Angelika Melien at (413) 525-4124 or 1-800-639-7047.

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Agawam Obituaries

Dr. Robert N. LaMarche

Dr. Robert N. LaMarche, 78, of 39 Forest Road, Agawam, a leader in health care in the area, died

recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Roxbury, he lived in Dorchester, Springfield, and Westfield before moving to Agawam. He was a graduate of Boston Latin School,

Boston College, and Tufts Medical School.
He was board certified in orthopedic surgery. He was on the medical staff at Mercy Hospital, where was chief of orthopedics and surgery; Noble Hospital, Westfield, where he was chief of orthopedics; Providence Hospital and Holyoke Hospital in Holyoke; Wesson Hospital and Springfield Hospital, Springfield; Ludlow Hospital in Ludlow; and Mary Lane Hospital in Ware. He also was on the staff of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

He was one of the founders of the Western Mass. PSRO, Health Care Foundation of Western Massachusetts, and the Preferred Provider Organization in West Springfield. He was past president of the Hampden District Medical Society, a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Fracture Association, and the Academy

of Orthopedic Surgeons

He was on the original board of the State Peer Review Organization and the State C.M.E.S He was a captain in the Army Medical Corps,

serving during World War II and the Korean War. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was a past Grand Knight of the Home Council in Springfield, a trustee of the J.F.K. Council Knights of Columbus, and a fourth degree member of the Archbishop William Assembly.

His first wife, Rosemary LaMarche, died in 1990

He leaves his wife, the former Virginia Tighe Mezzetti; three sons, Robert N. of Monument Beach, Christopher of Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, and Anthony of Southwick; three daughters, Michelle Stanton of Forestdale, Rosemarie LaMarche of Easthampton, and Jacqueline LaMarche of West Springfield; a brother, Paul of Eddington, Maine; two sisters, Bernadette Pazasis of Winnisquam, New Hampshire, and Lorraine Jones of Wollaston; two stepsons, Michael Mezzetti of Feeding Hills and Robert Mezzetti of Agawam; two stepdaughters, Deborah House and

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery

Deanna Murdza, both of Hampden; and 12 grand-

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 833 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or to the National Tuberous Sclerosis Association, 8181 Professional Place, Suite 110, Landover, Maryland 20785-2226.

Edmund F. Langevin

Edmund F. "Mickey" Langevin, 77, of Springfield and formerly of Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.
He was a supervisor in the heavy construction

industry and retired in 1986 from the former

Ebasco Co. of Texas.

children.

He also had worked for Westinghouse Construction Co. of Pennsylvania and in Brazil and the southern states. He was also a iron worker in New England and a certified welder.

He taught the first iron workers' apprentice pro-

gram at Trade High School.

Born in Barre Plains, he lived in this area most of his life. He attended Agawam High School.

A World War II veteran of the Coast Guard, he

was a gunner's mate second class. He took part in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns in 1945 and received the Meritorious Medal.

He was a member of Iron Workers Union Local 357, a former member of Elks Lodge 61, a member of the American Legion in Florida, and a former member of the Agawam Bowmen's Club.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, the former Elaine F. Pyne; two sons, Edmund F. II of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Daniel W. of Chesapeake, Virginia; two daughters, Judith A. Raymond of East Longmeadow and Susn J. McMahon of Fall River; two sisters, Marion Zola of Dennis and Pearl Pluskey of Feeding Hills; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson Chapel of the Acres, with burial at the convenience of the fami-

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Victor A. MacDonald

Victor Alonzo MacDonald, 85, of East Longmeadow, died recently at Sunrise Nursing Home in that town.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, he moved to West Springfield and was a graduate of West Springfield High School. He also lived in Belchertown, and finally moved to East Longmeadow in 1996.

He was an industrial engineer at Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing in West Springfield for 27 years, and later was an industrial engineer at Columbian Manufacturing in Westfield for 11 years. He retired in 1978.

He was a past master of Mt. Orthodox Lodge in West Springfield, a 33rd Degree Mason, and a member of Highlander and Hadji units of the Melha Shrine Temple in Springfield.

His wife, the former Harriet Smith, predeceased him in 1994.

He is survived by three daughters, Linda L. Nelson of Feeding Hills, Diane M. Prendergast of East Longmeadow, and Sherran J. Vandini of Dover, New Hampshire; a son, John H. Vance of Merrimack, New Hampshire; a brother, Robert S. MacDonald of Dover, New Hampshire; seven

The funeral service was held at the Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. A Masonic service was held during calling hours at the funeral home.

granddaughters; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital Donations Department, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Joan Cusson

Joan (Marsh) Cusson, 66, formerly of 76 Royal Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing

She worked for Buxton Co. and American Vertical Blind Co. and retired in 1991.

She was born in Ludlow and lived in Agawam

for the past 40 years.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in West Springfield.

She leaves four sons, William E. Rabideau and Douglas E. Cusson, both of Texas, Larry A. Rabideau of North Carolina, and Jay R. Cusson of Agawam; two daughters, Cynthia J. Westberry of Agawam and Michelle R. LaVallee of Springfield; a brother, Richard A. of New York; and eight

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058, or the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Louis J. Gallerani

Louis J. Gallerani, 88, of 15 Avondale Avenue, West Springfield, a long-time area church lay leader, died recently at home

He was a prominent lay leader at St. Anthony of Padua Church in North Agawam and a founder of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and

West Springfield.

Born in Athol, he was a lifelong resident of

West Springfield.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a charter member and former president and secretary of its Holy Name Society. He was the church's first lector under the Rev. Dominic Ruscetta.

He captained the parish's Bishop's Charity Drive and the Stewardship Campaign. He received a 20-year service pin from former Bishop Joseph Maguire of the Springfield Roman Catholic Diocese.

He was president of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of West Springfield and Agawam for 18 years, a charter member of the Stigmatine Scholarship Fund, and affiliated with Charter "99.

He was a recording secretary and charter member of the West Springfield chapter of UNICO National and was honored as Unican of the Year in 1971. He was chairman of the Lollipop Drive in 1973-74.

He worked for the Boston & Albany, New York Central, and Pennsylvania Central railroads for 40 years. He retired in 1975.

He was a yard clerk for 15 years and served as president and chairman of the Federation Shop Crafts. He was a member of the Railway Airline Clerks. He leaves his wife of 62 years, the former

Matilda Germaine, and nephews and nieces. The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 108 Bridge Street, North Agawam, MA 01001.

George W. Corgan

George W. Corgan, 78, of Westfield and formerly of Agawam, died recently at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

He was a 48-year optical engineer for Kollmorgen Corp. of Northampton and retired in

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he lived in Agawam for 47 years before moving to Westfield four mon-

He was an Army technician fourth grade in World War II and a communicant of St. John the

Evangelist Church in Agawam.

He was a baseball and softball umpire for the Western Massachusetts Baseball Association for 45 years.

He belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the Sons of Erin Club.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, the former Catherine Keeley; a son, Joseph J. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Kathleen Easton of Feeding Hills and Donna M. Corgan of Westfield; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere

Funeral Home of Agawam and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9a, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the American Diabetes Association, 2 Mount Royal Avenue, Suite 200, Marlborough, MA 01752.

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Rose A. LaRiviere

Rose A. (Rouleau) Bernier Lariviere, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a cook for many years at St. Joseph's Rectory in Springfield while Bishop Thomas Dupre was in residence.

Born in Quebec, Canada, she lived there most of her life before moving to South Hadley in 1960. She moved to Agawam in 1974.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church in Agawam and a former member of the St. Ann Society.

Her first husband, Willie Bernier, died in 1957; her second husband, Theodore LaRiviere, died in 1993; and a son, Clement Bernier, died in 1975.

She leaves two daughters, Pauline Lamothe of West Springfield and Gaetane Mainville of Quebec; a brother, Roland Rouleau of Quebec; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St.

Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the
Church Renovation Fund, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

William G. Paullis, Jr.

William Gabriel Paullis, Jr., 35, of Feeding Hills, died recently. He was an industrial customer support manager for Wood Group Fuel System, Inc. of East Windsor, Connecticut for 10 years.

He was born in New London, Connecticut and raised in the Springfield area. He attended Cathedral High School and Putnam Vocational High School. He was a Navy airman third class with Squadron 143 and an aviation electrician aboard the carrier USS Eisenhower.

He leaves his wife, the former Lynnann Libiszewski of Feeding Hills; three brothers, Matthew M. of Florida, Kevin J. of Reading, and James J. of Springfield; a sister, Eleanor A. Paullis of Glastonbury, Connecticut; his parents, William G. Paullis and his grandmather. Flourism of Clastonbury and his grandmather. of Glastonbury; and his grandmother, Eleanor Callahan of Enfield.

The funeral was at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and St. Michael's Cathedral, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

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Keenan Schedules **February Office** Hours In Agawam

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan will hold office hours on Wednesday, February 17th and 24th between 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor,

Members of the public are welcome to attend to convey their comments and concerns on issues facing the district and the state. Representative Keenan welcomes the opportunity to meet and

hear from his constituents.

Representative Keenan may also be reached at his district office at 342 Springfield Street in Agawam or at the State House in Boston. His district phone number is 786-4545.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 18, 1999 at 7:15 PM at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, by adding a provision relative to delaying the demolition of historically significant buildings. A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the ing amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman Agawam Planning Board
Published: February 4, 1999

Keenan Announces Job Opportunities With The DEM

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan encourages anyone interested in obtaining seasonal employment with the Department of Environmental Management tal Management to contact his district office at (413) 786-4545.

Positions ranging from laborer to lifeguard are available at DEM facilities, including Robinson State Park, Granville State Forest, and Tolland State Forest. The requirements for employment vary according to the position.

Spfld. UNICO Slates **Annual Charity Event** For This Saturday

The Springfield Chapter of UNICO National is pleased to announce that its annual charity event, "Una Sera Di Ballo," will be celebrated with a semi-formal dinner dance to be held at Chez Josef on Saturday, Feb. 6th from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 mid-

Springfield UNICO, a member Chapter of UNICO National, has recently celebrated its 54th anniversary. UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States and its members continue to raise money. States and its members continue to raise money in support of mental health programs, Cooley's Anemia Research, scholarship assistance to

students, and numerous other causes as well.

Over the past 50 years, the members of Springfield UNICO have worked diligently to uphold the principles upon which UNICO was founded: Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity.

For ticket information, please contact president Dennis Scibelli at 733-1458 or immediate past president Carmine Capuano at 732-7449.

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Town Nurse Plans New Programs

by Kathy Shepard Advertiser News Feature Writer

Sherry Petrucci has joined the staff of the Agawam Health Department after 20 years of medical background. After high school, she attended Springfield Technical Community College and studied medical assisting. From there, she entered the field of nursing in obstetrics and gynecology at Wesson Women's Hospital.

From that point, she worked in rehabilitation until taking the position of School Nurse at Bentiamin Phologopapara, Park Schools in

jamin Phelps and Robinson Park Schools in Agawam, and she remained in that post for five years until recently beginning her new role at the Town Hall as public health nurse.

Responsibility of this magnitude requires that educational programs or seminars be undertaken on a constant basis. She is also updated continuously on new immunizations or provided with safety information for the public about Lyme disease or rabies from the Department of Public Health, which also offers training at different

sites from which to choose. She accumulates the number of C.E.U.'s that every nurse must fulfill every two years. These can also be obtained through a college course or

various public health programs.

Her work for Agawam will include flu clinics and pneumonia clinics in the fall, and every Thursday of every month, she also holds blood pressure clinics, rotating from the Senior Center on the second and fourth Thursday, Danahy Elderly Complex on the first Thursday, and Pheasant Hill Village on the third Thursday.

Mrs. Petrucci wants to start to offer blood sugar screenings, but the first step is to determine the need, and the next step will be to arrange the times and places.

She encourages the public to participate in as much community education as possible. "People should keep abreast of as many new treatments and issues related to health as possible.

"With computer access, journals, and books, we are very fortunate to be living in times with access to so much information," she points out.

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SHERRY PETRUCCI, who now works for the Agawam Health Department, has over 20 years of experience in the medical field. As the town's new public health nurse, she welcomes calls and questions from the public. You can contact her at 786-0400, ext. 207.

working with the Town of Agawam, "There's a great group of people here, and a good communi-

She is enthusiastic about this position. Her main goal is "to keep Agawam's community healthy and enrich their lives."

She plans to get involved in putting on a health fair and writing articles related to health issues, and she is considering options for a format. She might have a question-and-answer survey about the community's preferences for services, and there would be a needs assessment

She also has been thinking about becoming in-

volved with businesses and employee health issues. This kind of involvement with the community would allow better awareness of healthrelated issues and create opportunities for prevention and education, according to her.

The Town Nurse welcomes calls from the public and invites their questions and concerns. To reach the Health Department, call the main number of the Town Hall, 786-0400, and access extension 207. Community participation will be welcomed by this public health medical professional, and she looks forward to working with the

"Monster Munchie" **Program For Children**

Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged four and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, February 18th from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon for a program based on a favorite theme-FOOD!

The "Monster Munchie" program will include stories, crafts, and a snack. PLEASE CALL 789-1550 OR VISIT THE LIBRARY TO REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 16th.

Registration Now Being Taken For Kids' Paper Craft At Agawam Public Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages 31/2 are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, February 27th, anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to make a paper craft to take

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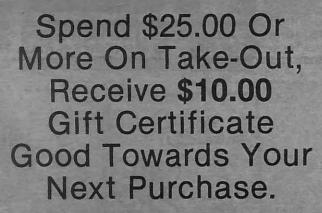
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Mr. & Mrs. Armando Amenta of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carmela Amenta, to Robert Marona, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Marona of Feeding

The bride-to-be graduated from South Catholic High School in Hartford, Connecticut, and received a degree in business. She is a manager and hairstylist for the Oggi Salons of West Hartford, Glastonbury, and Avon, Connecticut.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and American International College. He is a co-owner of the Tropical Paradise Tanning Salons of Springfield and West Hartford, as well as Prime Fitness, a fitness center located in West Springfield.

A wedding date is to be announced.

Spfld. Turnverein **Gymnasts To Sponsor** Valentine's Dance

The Springfield Turnverein Gymnastics team is holding an Adult Valentine's Day dance on Friday, February 12th from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

So, if you're over 18, come on down to the Turnverein for a night of fun led by DJ Bobby Hamel. During the night, we will have a Chinese auction

and a door prize auction.

Prizes include autographed pictures of the Springfield Falcons, gift certificates to area restaurants like Storrowton Tavern, and much more. Tickets cost \$5 per person and may be bought by calling the Turnverein at 786-0923 or Christine Marsh at 789-1686.

Tickets may also be bought at the door, but there is limited space so get your tickets while

Springfield Italian Women's Club To Meet February 15th

The February 15th meeting of the Springfield Italian Women's Club will be held at **Ferruccio's Banquet House**, 1520 Main Street, Agawam.

The meetings are open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married

to an Italian).

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

For more information

on the dinner, call 525-3118, 736-4431, or 736-2161. For more information on the Italian Women's Club, call 733-8751.

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JORDAN BEACH COOK

The Cooks Announce Birth Of Daughter

Frank & Victoria Cook of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jordan Beach Cook, on December 7, 1998 at Baystate Medical Center.

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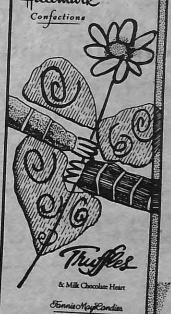
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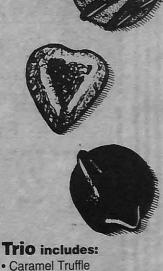
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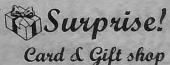
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"Great Chefs Swing With Jimmy" To Benefit The Jimmy Fund

Peter Clark of Agawam, president of the Western Massachusetts/Connecticut Regional Office of The Jimmy Fund, is proud to announce that the "Great Chefs Swing with Jimmy" fundraiser will be held this Friday evening, February 5th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Stroh Building on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition,

1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

The "Great Chefs Swing with Jimmy" is a festive celebration of gournet food, swing music and dance ... all for the benefit of The Jimmy Fund Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This event will showcase signature dishes prepared by top chefs

from throughout the Pioneer Valley.

Guests will be treated to samplings of fine cuisine, swing music and dancing, a raffle, and a silent auction. A good time will be had by everyone, so be sure to bring your family and

friends!
Co-sponsored by the Law Firm of Bacon & Wilson, P.C., and Williams Distributing, the "Great Chefs Swing with Jimmy" will feature the following participating restaurants:
Alvin's Sandwich Shops of Agawam; Big Mamou; Cafe Paradiso; Chandler's Tavern; Chez Josef of Agawam; The Colosseum Banquet House; Del Raye Bar & Grill; The Delaney House; East Side Grill; Elegant Affairs; Fazio's Ristorante and Pizzeria; Hampden House Cafe; Hofbrauhaus; Horizons Restaurant and Bar: La Cucina Di Pinoc-Horizons Restaurant and Bar; La Cucina Di Pinocchio; La Fiorentina; La Veracruzana.

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tana's Steakhouse; North Garden Chinese Restaurant; Partners Restaurant of Agawam; The Pavilion at the Harley Hotel; Pioneer Valley Brew Pub; Salvatore's Restaurant; School Street Bistro; Sitar Restaurant; Sheraton Bradley Airport; Spoleto Restaurant; Solo Dolce at Mulino's; Storrowton Tavern; White Glove Caterers; The Windowed Hearth - Lord Jeffrey Inn; Yankee Pedlar Inn; and many others.

What's more, the co-chairs of the event (Richard Gloster of Agawam, owner of Alvin's Sandwich Shops in town, and Michael Katz) are delighted to be welcoming a special guest to the "Great Chefs Swing with Jimmy." Recently, it was learned that "Jimmy," the boy whose story launched The Jimmy Fund in 1948, is alive and well—and he is scheduled to be in attendance at this

fundraiser!

Tickets for the "Great Chefs Swing with Jimmy" are \$50 per adult, and \$20 per child (12 years of age and under), and they may be purchased at the door. However, if you cannot attend this event but would like to make a tax-deductible contribution (\$30 of each adult ticket and \$10 per child's ticket is tax-deductible), please send your checks payable to "The Jimmy Fund" to The Jimmy Fund, 171 Dwight Road, Suite 203, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

For more information, call the local office of The Jimmy Fund at 567-0651. You may also find additional information at their website address -

www.jimmyfund.org.

Thanks, Stop & Shop!



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB wishes to thank the employees of Stop & Shop for their hard work and dedication to the club's Holiday Basket Program. In 1998, the club distributed items to over 65 families in need. What's more, the employees held a tag sale at the Feeding Hills store, plus raised and contributed \$1,100 for the 1999 program. Last month, Emilia Miner of Stop & Shop (left) presented a check to Dee Adams of the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 8th: American chop suey, spinach, Vienna bread, orange.

Tuesday, February 9th: Quiche, tossed salad, potato wedges, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, February 10th: Baked chicken leg, harvest vegetable rice, corn, rye bread, tropical fruit.

Thursday, February 11th: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, apricots.

Friday, February 12th: Valentine's Day Celebration - Cheesey chicken, twicebaked potatoes, Belgian carrots, rolls, sweetheart cake.

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Tony Dunn Named '99 Irish Elk Of The Year By Spfld. Lodge No. 61

The Springfield Lodge of Elks No. 61 Irish Committee has named Tony Dunn of Agawam the 1999 "Irish Elk of the Year."

Dunn is a second-generation Irish-American who traces his roots back to his grandfather, Edward Arthur Dunn, who immigrated to the United States in 1910 from Edenderry, County Offaly, Ireland

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, Dunn is the son of the late Edward & Margaret (Patterson) Dunn. He is a 1964 graduate of Westfield High School and attended UMass Amherst. Dunn is currently employed by Fisher Scientific of Agawam.

He joined the Springfield Lodge of Elks No. 61 in 1981 and became a member of the Irish Committee in 1982. Since joining the lodge, Dunn has been very active on the committee: Irish Committee General Chairman in 1992; Irish Steak Roast Chairman in 1991; and Stag Night Ticket and Prize Chairman.

He has also served on the Float, Decoration, Stag Night Food, and Stag Night Raffle Committees, and has marched in the Holyoke Parade every year. Dunn is presently the Secretary of the committee, having served in that capacity since

His other involvements in the lodge include the Pitch League and Bowling League, and he helped start the Intra-Lodge Bocce League and Cribbage League. He has also assisted in The Big E Program Sales, the Hoop Shoot, and Casagrande Soccer; was Chairman of the Super Bowl Committee; and has been active on the Veterans' Committee.

For all his "involvement" in Elkdom, Dunn received the "Grand Exalted Ruler's Commendation Award" in 1996, and the "Veterans' Committee Recognition Award" in 1998.



TONY DUNN

He is the proud father of two children: a son, Sean Edward Dunn, a graduate of East Longmeadow High School and a senior at WPI in Worcester; and a daughter, Julie Ann Dunn, a junior at East Longmeadow High School.

His brother, John Martin Dunn, lives in Elsberry,

Dunn will be honored at the Lodge's Annual Irish Stag Night on Wednesday, March 10th, and at the Irish Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 13th. For more information on the 1999 "Irish Elk," please contact Steve McGirr, Publicity Chairman, at 525-0827.

Check our classifieds!!!



MR. & MRS. KEVIN P. RYCZEK

Maura K. Martin Weds Kevin P. Ryczek

Maura K. Martin and Kevin P. Ryczek exchanged marriage vows in a recent ceremony in St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Kathleen Martin of Feeding Hills. Parents of the bridegroom are Gene and Mary Ryczek of Longmeadow.

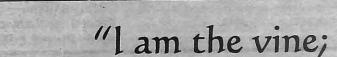
Sheila Martin attended her sister as maid of honor. Michael Ryan served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. She is a mentor supervisor for Dare Family Services in Danvers.

Her husband is a graduate of Longmeadow High School, Trinity College, and Stanford (California) University. He is a mechanical engineer for the medical products division of Hewlett-Packard in Andover.

noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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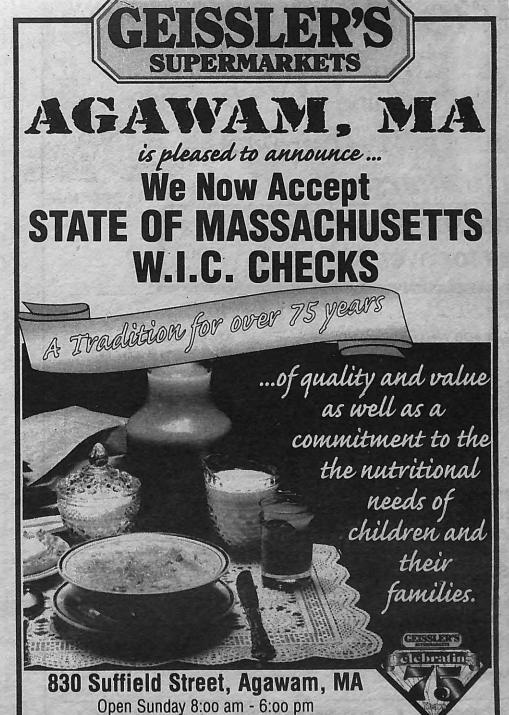
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"Souper Sunday" Scores For West Side/ Agawam Open Pantry

After the "big game," while the media was still engaged with the Denver Broncos, and the super commercials were history for another year, the staff at the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry began picking up the food boxes from their first "SOUPER SUNDAY."

"'Souper Sunday' was an idea of one of our board members, Gina Letellier from Agawam," according to Candy Boucher, Executive Director of the West Springfield organization. "Gina contacted merchants and invited them to participate. It is wonderful to have active board members," said Boucher.

Boxes were picked up from Geissler's, Super Foodmart, and Super Stop and Shop in Agawam and Feeding Hills. The total number of food items collected from our Agawam/Feeding Hills neighbors was 153. Groceries were collected at The Big Y on Westfield Street and The Big Y on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield, for a total of 106 items.

"We're certainly not trying to make competitors out of our generous supporters, but I have sensed a bit of momentum from our Agawam and Feeding Hills neighbors in the giving," said Boucher.

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She attributes that momentum to the recent opening of the organization's satellite food pantry housed in the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. That center, staffed by volunteers, is open on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Since becoming executive director three months ago, Boucher has witnessed equal contributions from the area Rotary clubs, the involvement of Lions clubs, wonderful cooperative generosity from the churches in the area, and enthusiasm from area youth.

"Food contributed on 'Souper Sunday' was included in the distributions to clients on Monday, February 1st. Helping others is our common goal, but you can look for more friendly challenges in the future," said Boucher.

Food donations for the West Springfield organization may be dropped off at 1023 Main Street between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Items especially needed at this time are breakfast cereal and pasta.



THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE IN AGAWAM (built in 1805).

Trustees Of The Captain Charles Leonard House Begin Annual "Friends" Drive

Once again, February has been designated "Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House Month" by the Trustees of the house.

Since the "Friends" campaign began in 1980, many generous individuals, civic minded organizations, and businesses in Agawam have helped to preserve and maintain this attractive, historical community treasure.

The Captain Charles Leonard House is located in Agawam Center on Main Street next to the Westfield Savings Bank. The house was built in 1805 and was named to the National Register of Historic Places on March 10, 1975

Historic Places on March 10, 1975.

The building serves as a community meeting facility for many clubs and organizations, as well as for private functions. The property is owned by

the Captain Charles Leonard House Incorporated and managed by its Board of Trustees, all of whom are local people who volunteer their time and services.

The Leonard House is available for luncheons, teas, dinners, bridge parties, meetings, weddings, showers, and other social gatherings.

The Board invites all residents, social groups, and businesses to become a "Friend of the Captain Charles Leonard House" by giving a gift in any amount, large or small. Donors' names will be recorded in the "Friends" record book, kept in the front hallway of the Leonard House for all to see. Tax deductible donations may be sent to the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.



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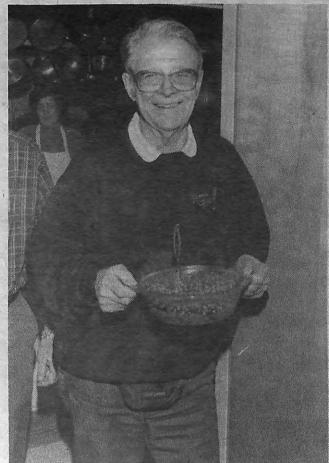
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Church News

Ham And Bean Dinner At Agawam First Baptist...







THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH in Agawam hosted a ham and bean dinner on Saturday, January 16th. From left to right: Stan Edwards, Dorothy Jenks, Nancy Edwards, and Vivian Roberts. Advertiser News photos

Faith Bible Church In Agawam Hosting **Year-Long Seminar**

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

Presented by Pastor James R. Jasmin, this series of Tuesday evening teachings will present current prophetic truths based on Scripture.

Discussions will include eschatology, significant current events that point to us on a Biblical timeline, and what the new millennium is going to bring according to Scripture.

All are not only welcome, but urged to attend. Classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end promptly at 9:00 p.m. Please call 786-1681 if nursery provisions would enable you to attend.

Ordinance Of Communion To Be Celebrated This Sunday At First Baptist Church

The ordinance of communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at First Baptist Church.

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "When You Just Can't Win," using scriptural references from Matthew 11: 11-19. Assisting him will be Joyce Geiger, who will lead the responsive

In recognition of Boy Scout Sunday, members

of Troop 78 will be in attendance.

Classes for children and adults will be held following a period of coffee and conversation in Davis Hall after morning worship.

Visitors are always welcome at First Baptist Church, located on the corner of Main and Elm Streets. The First Baptist Church is an American

Baptist Church, a member of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, and the American Baptist Churches USA.

Coming up this week on our calendar:

Tuesday, February 9th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle (Bible study at the home of
Jeanne Webster); 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.
Wednesday, February 10th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00
p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee meets in Lockhart Parlor.

Thursday, February, 11th: 7:30 p.m. Choir

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Caring Connection contacts for the month of February are Sharon & Doug Grabowski.

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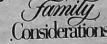


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SERVICE

I come before You with open hands, o Lord of my life, to make myself available to You, to serve You as You please. My hands are empty, signifying that I have nothing to offer You except the life and talents You have given me. I forsake any ambition or agenda which is not of You. Please anoint and empower these hands, that I may be an instrument of Your grace, to accomplish Your will and purpose in my life, and in the world around me.

REQUESTS

I come before You with open hands, Father, to receive from You Your gifts of grace, to the exclusion of all the world would offer me, the devil tempt me with, or that which I might invent for myself. I praise You that Your gifts are good, chosen by Your wisdom and inspired by Your love. I thank You that Your grace is more than sufficient for any need I may have.

Courtesy of the NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church News - continued...



Reflections... submitted by Rev. Peter Monahan Pastor of the New Life Christian Church, Suffield, CT (413) 789-1377 or toll free (877) 643-9801

Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit...

Soon after Jesus began His public ministry, He delivered a discourse which has come to be known as the Sermon on the Mount. In His message, Jesus described the kind of person God

message, Jesus described the kind of person God wants each of us to become. His descriptions are called the Beatitudes, which means "greatest blessings." You see, God wants to bless us!

Jesus declared that people would be blessed by God in various ways; nine in this message. Among His pronouncements, He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

be filled."

When Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," He

was not making a statement about the ultimate destiny of a person's soul. He was not saying that if you're poor in spirit, you get to go to heaven.

When He said, "theirs is the kingdom of heaven," He wasn't referring to a location in the future; He was speaking of a state of heart and mind which we can experience and enjoy today. The Bible tells us that the kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and low in the Holy righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Righteousness describes both our character, as well as our relationship with God. If we willfully persist in sin, we cheat ourselves from enjoying the presence of God in our lives. No amount of religious activity will make up for it.

He has told you, o mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

In a world full of turmoil, God offers us the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding. We can be happy because of our circumstances; but better yet, we can be joyful because of the presence of God in our lives. The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Jesus tells us that the key to the kingdom of heaven is to be poor in spirit. Being poor in spirit does not mean having a quiet or gentle disposi-tion. Being poor in spirit means not being full of ourselves, not being self-willed. For many of us, perhaps most of us, being poor in spirit does not

come naturally.

For those of us who tend towards being full of ourselves, the Holy Spirit graciously provides us guidance in practical things we can do to become

poor in spirit. For example, Psalm 37 says, "Do not fret because of the wicked." The word "fret" does not

mean to worry, as we use the word today. Actually, it means "to become inflamed."

For many of us, it comes naturally to us to become inflamed at wrongdoing. We want to act

as judge and jury, and settle the score. We can know we are doing this, when we find ourselves rehashing old injuries and offenses over and over again, never resolving them.

There is a saying, "Let go and let God." When we allow ourselves to indulge in holding on to hurts and grudges, we are not letting go of them. The Holy Spirit encourages us to be still before the Lord and wait nationally for Him For God's the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

God is perfectly capable of handling the injustices of our lives. The Holy Spirit also encourages us to trust in the Lord, and do good. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret, it only leads to evil.

We should trust in God's wisdom and character, and in the meantime, go on doing the good things we know we're supposed to do. Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart, like righteousness and peace and joy.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Remember — our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon ... AAN!!!

Bethany Assembly To Present Passion Play

The Bethany Assembly of God Choir & Orchestra, with the Bethany Drama Department, will present the 1999 Passion Play entitled "Alone On The Altar - Calvary's Lamb" Palm Sunday weekend, March 26th, 27th, and 28th, at Bethany Assembly

This year's presentation will again portray the events of the Passion Week, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem amidst the cries or "Hosanna," the Last Supper, the betrayal and trial before Pilate, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection from

The dynamic music, the stunning theatrical set, and the moving drama will bring alive the truth of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

There is no admission charge, and there will be signing for the deaf. Presentations are Friday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m., and Palm Sunday, March 28th at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Bethany Assembly is located at the corner of Route 57 and Main Street in Agawam. For more information, call the church office at (413) 789-2930.

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Church News - continued...

Events Scheduled At Sacred Heart Church

BAPTISM CLASS

There will be a Baptism Preparation Class on February 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the church for parents who will have their children baptized in the next few months.

This class is also for parents who are about to have a child. Godparents are asked to attend.

Please call the rectory at 786-8200 to register for the class and for the Baptism.
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AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

The Agawam Catholic Singles Group meets once a month.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 6th: Falcons' game. Call JoAnne, 786-1583.

Thursday, February 11th: Meeting with Jeffrey Duquette (to speak on trip to Medjugorje). Friday, February 12th: Singles Dance. Adelphia's - \$8. Call Kay, 786-8442. SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for divorced, separated, and widowed individuals will meet at St. John's on Thursday, February 11th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

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Events & Activities At St. John's Parish

MEN'S RETREAT COMING UP SOON

The weekend of February 12th-14th has been reserved for the men of St. John's to get away for a relaxing weekend with the Lord. This is a good opportunity to get a fresh slant on life, your career, your relations with family and with God.

Just call Ray at 786-6483. He will do all the work

for you to set things in motion.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining should call Frank, 789-2764, or Kay B., 786-8442.

Upcoming Events: February 6th: Falcons' game. Call Joanne,

February 11th: Monthly meeting with guest speaker Jeffrey Duquette, who'll present a video on his visit to Medjugorie.

February 12th: Singles Dance/Adelfias. Cost is \$8. Call Kay, 786-8442. PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

This group meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Foyer of the Parish Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Call Sr. Fran White for more information at

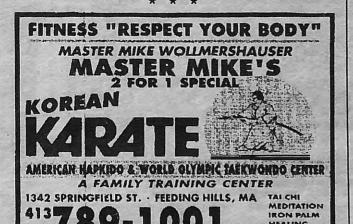
786-4499.

BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday morning. Interested? Call Annette at 786-4977.

Each Friday morning, a video presentation of Sunday's Scriptures in the Parish Center after Mass. All are welcome (this is a good preparation for Sunday Mass with no nomework).

Be sure to patronize your local businesses ... AAN!!!



News And Notes From Weekly Calendar From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Sunday worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the Service of Holy Communion.

The Lectionary readings for the fifth Sunday after Epiphany are Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10), 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20. Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Recognizing How God Has Blessed Us."

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

All those attending worship this Sunday are invited to enjoy a pot luck luncheon organized by the Board of Christian Education. The meal will precede the Annual Meeting.

Next Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, February 10th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

There will be a special service here on Ash Wednesday, February 17th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aain this year, the service will be taken from the UCC Book of Worship and include the receiving of ashes as a sign of repentance.

Blanket Sunday will be Sunday, February 21st. New or clean and in-good-condition used blankets will be collected for distribution by Church World Service.

If you prefer, you may give a cash donation. CWS can purchase a very sturdy blanket for \$5.

Those among us with a talent for crafts will gather on Saturday, February 20th, at 1:00 p.m. for their monthly quilting social.

Everyone is invited to join. Previous experience

is not necessary.

On the calendar: Friday, February 5th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club Sunday, February 7th: 10:00 a.m., Service of Ho-Communion; Annual Meeting/Pot Luck Lun-

Monday, February 8th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, February 9th: 7:00 p.m., A.A. Wednesday, February 10th: Open Pantry desserts needed; 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout

Thursday, February 11th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon ... AAN!!!

Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, February 7th, is the Fifth Sunday

after Epiphany. This is also Communion Sunday. At Agawam Congregational Church, located at 745 Main Street, Agawam, the Deacons of the church will be serving the Lord's Supper to the congregation.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Daring Disciples," taken from Text: Matthew 5:13-20. His Children's Message will be "Cookie Tasting." Please join us at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

The Annual Church Budget Meeting will im-

mediately follow the service. Please join us as we hear about the exciting plans for our church in

The Heifer Projection dedication will be next Sunday, February 14th. There is stilf time to participate in this project.

You may pick up an "Ark" on the table in the Narthex, or you may also make a check payable to Agawam Congregational Church/Heifer Project and send it to 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA

To help increase donations, there will be a "Guess the Amount of Candy in the Jar" contest, and raffle tickets for three wonderful prizes will be sold in Bryan Hall following Worship Service at the Coffee Hour.

The Friendship Committee is sponsoring a Pot Luck Supper on Sunday, February 7th, at 5:00 p.m.

People with last names from A-M are asked to bring a main dish, and N-Z are requested to bring a salad. Dessert and beverages will be provided by the Friendship Committee.

The entertainment for the night will be a Talent Show under the direction of Tammy Washburn, Youth Advisor.

For those who may not be able to attend the supper but would like to join us for the Talent Show, it will begin at 6:15 p.m. For more information about the Supper or

Talent Show, call the Church Office at 786-7111. Next Sunday, February 14th, will be Boy Scout Sunday. Members from Troop 82 will usher, greet,

acolyte, and present an Honor Guard for the 10:30

a.m. Worship Service. Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional

reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships. All are welcome to this very special time. For

more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

Calling all painters! Below Bryan Hall (church school classrooms), all walls have been prepared for primer paint. Join us on February 18th, 19th, and 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the 19th, to help out.

All supplies will be provided. Following the pro-

ject, pizza and soda will be provided for our helpful painters.

For more information on this project, call the church office at 786-7111.

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special service as we begin our

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Also write to the chambers of commerce in those areas. They can provide additional informa-

tion about various opportunities.

Subscribe to a local newspaper to get information about the area. Check out news stories, prices in ads, entertainment and cultural activities, and classified ads that include real estate listings.

Be sure to visit the area — in more than one season — to get a realistic feel for the climate. Sample the lifestyle, price structure, and livability before making a moving decision.

For more information about relocating to a new community, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

Legal Memo

Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq. 546 Springfield St., F.H. (413) 786-9454



Tort Auto Accident - Exacerbation of Arthritis

Where evidence indicates both (1) that a plaintiff did have osteo-arthritis prior to an auto accident caused by the defendant and (2) that the accident exacerbated the osteo-arthritis of the plaintiff's right hip, leading him to develop severe knee pain, a judge ruled that the defendant is liable for the full extent of the plaintiff's injuries.

The judge stated that, "Although the defendant argues that the plaintiff's injuries are not casually related to the accident, but are attributable to the plaintiff's pre-existing arthritis, the evidence in-

plaintiff's pre-existing arthritis, the evidence indicates that the plaintiff suffered no pain prior to

the accident.

It is firmly established in the Commonwealth that, "Where an injury arising from a cause which entails liability on the defendant combines with a pre-existing condition to bring about greater harm to the plaintiff's than would have resulted from the injury alone, the defendant may be liable for all the consequences.

The evidence in this case indicates that the plaintiff's arthritic condition did pre-exist the auto accident, but since the plaintiff experienced no pain prior to the accident, it is clear that the accident exacerbated the pre-existing osteo-arthritis of the plaintiff's right hip, which led to the

development of his severe knee pain."

The judge explained further that, "Whether or not the plaintiff had osteo-arthritis prior to the accident is irrevelant. What is relevant is that he had no pain before the accident. If the injury caused by a defendant's action causes or contributes to cause the development of a pre-existing disease, the person liable for the injury is liable also for the

resulting aggravation.
"Thus, the defendant is liable for the full extent of the plaintiff's injuries. It is therefore ordered that judgment be entered for the plaintiff in the amount of \$228,919.74 (based upon \$659.77 for damage to plaintiff's car; \$2,959.97 for plaintiff's medical bills; \$25,000 for estimated future medical treatment; and \$200,300 for pain and suffering)."

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column, Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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A Springfield native, now residing in Agawam, Mr. David attended local schools and received both a Bachelor of Science Degree in accounting and an MBA in management from Western New England College.

He has had an independent practice in Agawam for 20 years with a concentration on tax and business planning. He is a member of both the American Institute and Massachusetts Society of CPA's.

Mr. David has been active in Agawam politics and youth athletics. He is a member of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association, has coached for many years, and served on the executive board of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association.



Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue N. Alvanos
Personal Financial Advisor
American Express

The Year 2000 And Your Investments: Should You Worry?

You've probably been hearing plenty about computer issues related to Y2K — more commonly known as "the millennium bug." Everyone from politicians to survivalists has an opinion on what will happen to computers worldwide when the year 2000 arrives.

The concern is that old computers and software programs were built to read the year field as two digits — 1999 as 99. When the year 2000 arrives, these computers and programs may mistakenly ready 00 as the year 1900, possibly causing the systems to crash, become corrupted, or lose data. For some investors, the potential problems associated with Y2K have caused panic especial-

For some investors, the potential problems associated with Y2K have caused panic, especially given recent market volatility. Because of the complexity of the financial markets, consumers are expressing concerns about the safety of their money and private information. While most investors don't fear collapse of the financial markets, they have been given reason to worry about being inconvenienced by lost or scrambled data.

So should you withdraw all your money and keep it under a mattress until the calendar rolls over? Many sectors of business and government say "no" as they continue to reassure the public they will be ready for the new millennium. Let's take a look at what some of them are doing to address consumer concerns about their financial well-being.

well-being.

Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve began testing its applications to ensure that banks will be in compliance for the year 2000 in June of 1998. Specifically, the Fed is testing *The Fed Wire*, the

network used for final settlement of large transactions between major financial institutions. They are also checking out the Automated Clearing House (ACH), a nationwide electronic fund transfer system developed jointly by the private sector and the Fed in the 1970's. In addition, the Fed is making sure the Federal Reserve accounting, cash management, and check processing systems are all Y2K compliant. Testing is expected to continue through 1999 to meet the Fed's goal of wiping out the millennium bug in all major banks and financial institutions.

Trading exchanges and institutions. Twelve Wall Street exchanges and 29 Wall Street firms

Wall Street exchanges and institutions. Twelve Wall Street exchanges and 29 Wall Street firms report that they began testing in July of 1998 to determine their computers' ability to handle year 2000 data. The exchanges and firms began executing mock trades of stock, bonds, and options as a test of the computers' capability to conduct business as usual. Data from these tests and dry

runs will be available in mid-1999.

The Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT), a global banking group makde up of banks, stock brokerages, investment management firms, stock exchanges, and clearinghouses, began mandatory software testing for its members earlier this year. Members have until July of 1999 to complete testing, at which time work can be done to address any problems identified.

A solid course of action. These organizations represent only the tip of the iceberg in terms of the work being done by both government and financial communities to meet the challenges raised by the millennium bug; however, they offer optimism to investors that their financial transactions won't be disrupted.

The best course of action for investing during this transition is to focus on the long-term and maintain conviction to your financial plan. There will always be market fluctuations, economic upsand-downs, and the uncertainty that comes with an age of sophisticated technology. But by maintaining a diversified portfolio created to address your long-term goals, you'll be well-poised to meet whatever financial challenges the new millennium brings.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

JoAnn Forastiere Skiba Joins Forastiere Family Funeral Homes

JoAnn Forastiere Skiba of Longmeadow has begun her second career as a funeral director and embalmer in her family's business, Forastiere Family Funeral Homes. The announcement was recently made by her brothers, Frank A. Forastiere, also of Longmeadow, and Peter A. Forastiere of Agawam, president and vice-president of the family firm.

Graduating with highest honors from Briarwood College in Southington, Connecticut, she earned her degree in Mortuary Science. She was named to the President's List and earned membership in



by Lori Keeley, CTC Travel Connections, LTD 10 Chestnut Street West Spfld., MA 01089 (413) 732-1313

Year 2000 Countdown

Did you know that for the airlines and travel agents who book flights, the millennium will dawn

on Feb. 4, 1999?
That's right, this is the first day that the flights departing on January 1, 2000 will be open for sale. Sounds kind of scary, don't you agree?

Feb. 4, 1999 may provide valuable clues as to whether or not the airlines have solved the "Year 2000" problem. According to an article written in Travel Weekly by Michele McDonald, the major air carriers say they have solved the problem, but are a little worried about everyone else.

According to this article, Boeing and Airbus, two major aircraft manufacturers, say the planes will not fall out of the sky on Jan. 1, 2000. But how do we know this? They set self-imposed deadlines a year ahead of time and they noted that four conditions must exist for a Y2k problem to occur.

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2. The equipment must be aware of the date. The date must be stored in abbreviated for-

The date must form part of a calculation. This article went on to state that they detected no issues affecting overall aircraft operations. Only time will tell. I will keep you updated.

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Previously, JoAnn graduated from the former Classical High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree at American International College. She went on to graduate from Galludet University in Washington, D.C., earning her Master's Degree in Education of the Hearing Impaired.

JoAnn taught hearing-impaired students in Frederick, Maryland, at the Maryland School for the December of the American School for the December of the American School for the

the Deaf and later at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford. She also worked as a freelance sign language interpreter and as a senior consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics while raising her family.

Always being involved in nurturing, caring fields, the transition to become a funeral director seemed quite natural to her. She is specializing in helping families pre-arrange their funerals as a planning counselor.

JoAnn follows in the footsteps of her grand-mother, Carmela M. Forastiere, who was one of the first women in this area to become a licensed funeral director and embalmer. JoAnn is the 11th family member to be associated with the family

The business, which began in Springfield in 1905, has branches in Agawam (the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home at 985 Main Street), Southwick (the Southwick-Forastiere Funeral Home at 624 College Highway), East Longmeadow, Northampton, and Chicopee.

JoAnn is married to Scott Skiba, owner of Skiba Plumbing of Longmeadow.



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Know Your Insurance Priorities

You know you need insurance to protect yourself and your family against financial loss. But if you can only afford one or two policies, which insurance should you buy first? Here's a list of which insurance you need and in what

1. Health Insurance

No doubt, health insurance is the most important insurance you can purchase. Countless families have been destroyed financially because they did not have adequate health insurance when a family member fell ill. Health insurance is your first line of defense against financial loss

because it will help you cover your expenses for your health and medical bills. If you fear being unable to afford a comprehensive policy, seek coverage for catastrophic illness only - such as for a \$1 million surgical procedure and related costs - rather than for prescription drug reimbursements.

2. Disability Insurance

If you are working, your largest asset is not your house, your investments, or your company pension. It is your ability to produce an income. This

is why, for workers, disability insurance is critical. If you think disability insurance is too expensive, think of it this way: you can't afford not to have the coverage. In a study of more than 2,000 severely ill patients from five medical centers around the country, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that nearly one-third of families lost their life savings as a result of the patient's illness. And consider this: nearly half of all mortgage foreclosures in the United States are mortgage foreclosures in the United States are due to disability.

3. Life Insurance
One must ensure that your family is provided for financially if you should die ... and that means life insurance. A term life insurance policy should provide the coverage one needs, and it is quite inexpensive. Remember that life insurance is necessary, but only if your death will cause someone else to suffer a financial loss.
4. Long-Term Care Insurance

This is perhaps the best example of how the rules of money have changed. Today, more than half of the women and about one-third of the men who reach age 65 will spend some time in a nursing home. And unless you're wealthy, chances are you'll go broke paying for it. This is why middle-class Americans in their 50's and 60's need longterm care insurance. By purchasing the insurance when you're younger, you'll have a better chance of qualifying for the coverage. You'll also pay less for it over the long run than someone who pur-chases the policy later in life. **Know Your Priorities**

There's no question that insurance costs can really add up, especially if you also need car insurance or homeowner's insurance. But it's foolish to worry about long-term care costs when you're relatively young and you don't even have disability insurance. Maybe you can't afford to insure every situation that might arise, but at least make sure your family is covered for the most catastrophic and inhibitionally damaging events,

such as illness, disability, and death.

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Robert P. Molta, President of COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES, is proud to welcome the following new agents to the Springfield office.

Pat Booth, a resident of Springfield and a member of the St. Mary's Church Choir, has been a realtor since 1979 and is licensed in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. She has received both Cartified Pacidential Specialist and Connecticut. ed both Certified Residential Specialist and Cer-

tified Buyer Representative designations.

The mother of three children, Pat was previously owner and president of Parks Contracting Company in New York City and was licensed in the states of New York and New Jersey.

She has received the Shining Star Award from the renowned Floyd Wickman training program and received a certification in Interior Design from the New York School of Design in New York

City.
Pat can be reached at 413-263-3626 or 413-783-2000.

Carol Johnson, a lifelong resident of Springfield, attended the United States Army Quarter Master School and served in the United States Military. She is also a former martial arts trainer.

Carol can be reached at 413-748-6135 or 413-783-2000.

Maria Acuna, a lifelong resident of Springfield and her husband, Lieutenant Alfonso Acuna, is a firefighter for the city of Springfield. The Acuna's have three children and one grandchild.

Maria is bilingual, specializes in the Spanish market, and conducts bilingual home buyer workshops in the Greater Springfield area. Also, she is a top producer with her sales exceeding \$1 million last year.

Maria can be reached at 413-263-3577 or 413-783-2000.

Ramona Helton resides in Springfield with her husband and four children. She is an FASW2 with the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance and is a member of the Service Employees International Union.

She has also majored in business at Westfield State College. She can be reached at 413-750-0701 or 413-783-2000.

Denise Vaudrin has 13 years experience in real

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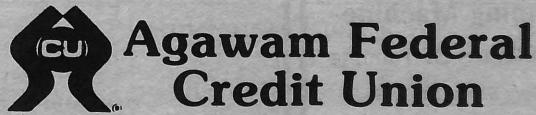


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Your Back And Fitness Tips... Your Health

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Another Reason To Take Your Migraine To The Chiropractor...

Are you one of the millions who suffer from migraine headaches? If you, you've probably tried all sorts of treatments; various prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, home remedies (lots of coffee, maybe even coffee enemas), relaxation techniques, and perhaps chiropractic

Research now shows that the gentle spinal manipulation therapy (SMT) provided by your chiropractor may be as effective as — and safer than - widely used drug therapy prescribed by medical doctors.

A study compared the relative effectiveness of

treating migraines three ways:

1. With chiropractic spinal manipulation alone; With the antidepressant/anti-anxiety drug amitriptyline (best known under the brand name

3. With a combination of both the drug therapy

and chiropractic care.

Patients who received only spinal manipulation showed significant improvement, on a par with those given the powerful prescription drug. The headache index, from a diary kept by each patient, showed SMT to have reduced the severity and frequency of headaches as well or better than the combined therapy or amitriptyline alone at each stage of the study.

Chiropractic treatment doesn't pose the risk of

literally dozens of unwanted side effects or in-teractions with other drugs that, with this medication, can range from mild through annoying to

very serious and even deadly.
You owe it to yourself to consider chiropractic treatment as a viable (even preferable) treatment option for those miserable migraines.

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Training With Free Weights

by Carmela A. Kirk, R.N. Asst. Fitness Consultant, Fitness First

Resistance training is becoming more and more popular. Perhaps because of the increased

awareness surrounding osteoporosis or people are just realizing its value in health and fitness.

Resistance training is the weightlifting part of your workout. It tones and defines and builds muscle. There are lots of different ways to do it.

There are classes with bars, there are rubber bands, there are machines and free weights. All are effective and fun. I would like to take a minute and talk about free weights especially.

When talking about free weights, we are referring to barbells and dumbbells mostly. (No, that's not what you call those of us that lift in this manner.) Handheld weights that you can buy at the store and lift at home if you want, or step into the store and lift at home if you want, or step into the free weight room. More and more people are in this back room, yet some are still very intimidated.

Free weights are a great choice for your resistance training. They offer a lot of freedom to

your workout.

One of the intimidating factors surrounding the One of the intimidating factors surrounding the weight room is the other people in there, especially ones that look great and obviously know what they are doing. Trust me, everyone in there is focusing on their own workout.

Bodybuilders especially do not care about you or what you are doing. They are focused, concentrating on form, breathing, and technique. So do not let that fear stop you.

There are a lot of good reasons for choosing free weights for all or at least part of your workout. Free weights can offer a wide variety.

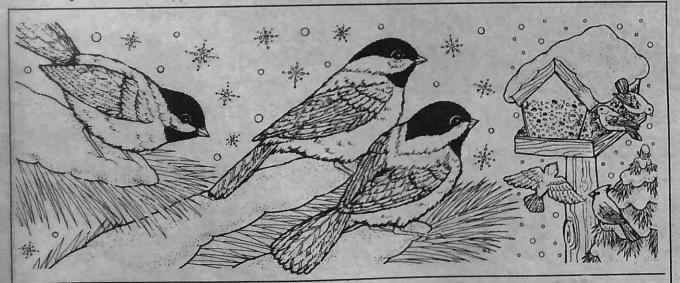
workout. Free weights can offer a wide variety. You can change the exercise or at least the focus of the exercise simply by changing your grip. This encourages working the entire muscle, incorporating all of the fibers into the different moves. Another positive feature of free weights is that

it promotes muscular balance. Both sides need to be working equally as hard. Most beginners find that off-balance feeling goes away quickly with just a slight improvement in form and strength.

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At Baystate Medical Center, over 3,000 patients require more than 29,000 transfusions each year. Donating blood takes about 45 minutes, and every donation helps as many as three patients with serious medical conditions.

To donate blood, you must be at least age 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and have not donated blood within the past eight

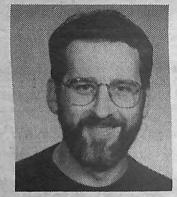
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Burn Awareness Week is February 7-13, 1999. In conjunction with this event, the Melha Temple Shriners, who as members of the fraternal organization that operates 22 Shriners Hospitals for children totally free of charge up to their 18th birthday, are asking parents and other caregivers to be alert to the possible danger of many household appliances and take steps to keep their children safe. their children safe.

Each year in the United States, more than 40,000 children receive thermal or contact burn injuries from touching hot appliances or common

household objects.

More than 20,000 children under the age of 15 are burned annually from grabbing or touching clothing irons; nearly 17,000 receive thermal injuries from coming in contact with electric ranges, ovens, grills, and heaters; more than 5,000 are injured from contact with lit cigarettes and cigarette lighters; and more than 2,000 are injured from contact with electrical cords and outlets.

"The greatest tragedy is that these injuries are preventable," said John C. Nobles, the Shrine's

Imperial Potentate and Chairman of the Board of Director of Shriners Hospitals. Even the best medical care can't prevent scars that will last a

There are simple, effective steps parents and other caregivers can take to protect their children from serious burn injuries. Shriners Hospitals and

the Shriners offer the following tips:

 Keep children away from electric ranges, ovens, grills, and heaters. Establish a "No Zone" in front of such appliances and keep children out of the kitchen and away from grills while cooking. Use extreme caution when heating the home with heaters of any kind; use protective shielding or screens to reduce risks; and never leave children alone around heaters.

Keep matches, lighters, and lit cigarettes out of the reach of children. Buy and use only child-resistant lighters. Teach children the dangers of

playing with fire.

 Extension and electrical cords are twice as likely to cause injury as outlets because young children will put them in their mouth. Search for and throw away old, frayed, and damaged cords. Don't allow cords to dangle from countertops where young children may tug on them and pull a hot appliance off. Use safety devices to cover electrical outlets.

Known as the experts in pediatric burn care, Shriners Hospitals operate four burn hospitals in Galveston, Cincinnati, Boston, and Sacramento. Through intensive research and state-of-the-art clinical care, a burned child's chance of survival has more than doubled since the Shriners first opened the Galveston hospital in 1966. Much of today's research now focuses on improving the quality of life for burn survivors.

The Shriners are offering a booklet on burn prevention free of charge. For your copy of "Burn Prevention Tips," write to the Public Relations Department, International Shrine Headquarters, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, Florida 33631-3356, or visit the Shrine's web site at http://www.shriner-

Local Meetings Dealing With Mental Illness Issues

The Alliance for the Mentally III of Western Massachusetts, Inc. has announced the following

For Those With Depression and Manic Depression-Westfield: 20 Broad, Street, Westfield. Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m.

For Adult Siblings and Adult Children of those with Mental Illness: AMI-WM Office, 7171/2 Main Street, Agawam. Meets second Tuesday of the month,

For Adults with a Mentally Ill Relative-Agawam: Agawam Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. Meets last Monday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

"For Your Health" is another reason why you turn our pages each and every week ...



Food Thought

by Nancy Dell Registered Dietician

The Proof Is In The Tea Leaves...

Occupying a prominent pedestal in the history of folk medicine, tea dates back thousands of years and spans numerous continents and civilizations. In recent years, this ancient brew has caught the attention of contemporary scientists, showing promise that it may offer health benefits that were not even imagined centuries

ago.

Folk medicine has long valued tea as a remedy for a variety of ailments. And many tea drinkers

find the beverage soothing.

Currently researchers are studying the possibility that tea reduces the risk of certain types of cancer and heart disease, when consumed as part of a healthful eating plan.

Tea contains potent antioxidants known as catechins and flavonoids. Antioxidants help fight disease by protecting the body's cells from damage by free radicals. The antioxidants work to neutralize free radicals, which are formed when

cells burn oxygen for energy.

At a recent international conference, researchers presented the results of numerous studies looking at potential health effects of green and black tea. Researchers from the USDA reported laboratory tests found tea produces greater antioxidant activity than 22 commonly consumed fruits and vegetables. A study conducted in a London university supported these results.

Additional research conducted in the Netherlands demonstrated that the antioxidants in green and black tea are absorbed by the body.

in green and black tea are absorbed by the body rapidly and effectively. These facts, combined with tea's versatility and worldwide popularity, make tea a practical option as part of a healthy

Results of several studies suggest that tea has potential protective effects against certain types of cancer. Two separate studies have linked tea consumption to decreased risk of digestive tract

In laboratory studies, green and black tea have shown activity against the progression of precancerous lesions into oral cancer.

Tea & Heart Disease

Several epidemiologic studies have suggested that tea drinking may reduce the risk of car-

diovascular disease. One such study, involving 1,306 Japanese men, found that a greater consumption of green tea was linked to a lower total

concentration of cholesterol in the blood.

A Dutch study of 805 men found that an increased intake of foods containing flavonoids, particularly black tea, was strongly linked to a lower rate of death from coronary disease.

Tea As Part Of A Healthy Diet

There are many resonance consumed beverage

second-most commonly consumed beverage worldwide, surpassed only by water — part of a healthful lifestyle.

Just as consuming at least five servings of fruits and vegetables per day provides vitamins, minerals, and fiber, so drinking tea may help boost antioxidant intake. Also, tea contributes to daily fluid intake, vital for the maintenance of fluid balance.

While much of tea's popularity can be attributed to its distinctive taste, aroma, and versatility, the potential health benefits being discovered suggest that it is also a nutritionally smart beverage choice.

According to Elizabeth Ward, MS, RD, "If we're trying to live healthier, and we're exercising and eating healthy foods, we also should be drinking healthy beverages like tea. Whether you prefer tea hot or iced, it can be an important part of a healthy lifestyle."

Hot Tea Bring fresh cold tap water to a full rolling boil. Use one teaspoonful of loose tea or one tea bag per cup (five to eight ounces) of water.

Pour the boiling water over the tea. Brew for three to five minutes. If you prefer your tea less strong, add more water after the brewing period.

Follow the same brewing directions for making hot tea, but use 50 percent more tea to allow for

For example, use four tea bags to make four cups of hot tea, but to make four glasses of iced tea, six tea bags are needed. For a two-quart pit-cher, add 15 tea bags or 1/3 cup loose tea to one quart of freshly drawn cold water brought to a full boil. Stir and let stand five minutes.

Stir again and remove tea bags or strain into pitcher holding additional quart of freshly drawn

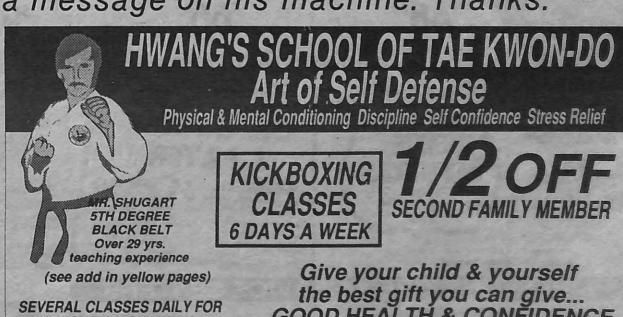
Tea Tidbits On average, a five-ounce cup of tea contains
 40 milligrams of caffeine, about half the amount in coffee. The longer the brewing time, the more caffeine in the tea.

· Over two-billion gallons of hot, iced, spiced, and flavored tea are consumed by Americans

 Tea is usually served hot, except in the United States. Americans drink 80 percent of their tea

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

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Support Groups, Courses, And Programs Available At Noble Hospital In Westfield

SUPPORT GROUPS
Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, February
10th and 24th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson
Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers,

and other interested parties.

The topic on February 10th is "Physical Therapy after a Stroke." The topic on February 24th is "Speech Therapy and Swallowing after a

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, February 18th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, West-

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic

injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522. "Recognizing and Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning" - Lecture with Brian Sutton, M.D.: Wednesday, February 10h, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

The lecture is free of charge. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, February 16th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip

Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

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The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is

free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call No-

ble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, February 17th and 24th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413)

Chiropractic Care by Dr. Tami Nelson Chiropractic Physician **Hampden County** Chiropractic 850 Springfield St. Feeding Hills 786-4820

What Is Sciatica?

Oftentimes, a patient will come in complaining of sciatica. What is sciatica? The sciatic nerves (there are two, one on each side of the body) are comprised of the spinal nerves that exit from the low back or lumbar region.

The spinal nerves form the large sciatic nerve and run through the buttocks and down the back of the leg. Occasionally, this nerve may get irritated and cause pain, burning, numbness, or tingling down the leg.

The key to treating sciatic nerve problems is finding out the cause of the irritation of the nerve. There are three main causes of sciatic pain.

The first cause one wants to rule out is if the nerve is irritated due to a disc. The disc is the "shock absorber" of the spine. The disc is like a jelly donut. It has a gel on the inside and a fibrous tissue on the outside. The discs are located in the

spine between the vertebrae or bones.

The inside of the disc may bulge, rupture, or herniate through the fibrous material and press against the spinal nerve. This can lead to pain, numbness, tingling, loss of bowel or bladder function, leg weakness, and other symptoms. A disc problem may be a result of injury, overuse, incorrect lifting, or other causes. Disc problems are diagnosed by taking a thorough history, examination (including orthopedic and neurologic exam), and x-rays. To accurately assess a disc problem,

an MRI of the region is recommended.

The second possible cause of sciatic pain is due to osteoarthritis. The spinal nerves exit the vertebrae through a hole called the foramen. If this hole is smaller due to bony growth (stenosis), it can cause symptoms. This can be best assessed by an x-ray of the spine. CT scan is also very ef-

fective in assessing the bone.

The third main cause of sciatic pain is due to muscle spasm, joint restriction, and inflammation. The muscle tightens, the muscle is attached to the bone, the bones cannot move properly. Now inflammation occurs, which results in the nerve irritation. There are a multitude of causes of this condition. Injury, lifting incorrectly, a violent sneeze, sitting on a wallet, shoveling, a heavy load, lifting a child, turning just wrong, stress, and on and on.

The frustrating aspect of any of these conditions is the location of the problem. It's not like an arm where you can limit the use for awhile to rest and recover. Sitting, standing, walking all utilize the muscles and joints in the low back and can irritate the condition. So, sometimes this condition may take several weeks or even months to im-

What should you do if you are suffering with a sciatic condition? See a chiropractor. This is our specialty. First, it's important to accurately diagnose, then to properly treat by addressing the

muscles, joints, disc, spine, and inflammation.
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blems, please contact our office.

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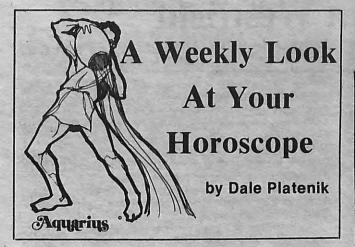
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Aquarius (January 20th to February 18th): The whole world is your party this week, Aquarius. It is an opportunity to broaden your sphere of influence. Don't take in too much of the bubbly, though - originality and inventiveness are your

Pisces (February 19th to March 20th): Pretend you are a marine mammal this week, Pisces, rather than a fish. Then you'll take time to come up for air. Look around while your blowhole is out of the water. With a little change of perspective, you will not only help yourself - you will help others.

Aries (March 21st to April 19th): Do you remember Jason and the Argonauts? Well, this week, Aries, is your chance to get the Golden Fleece. You, too, will be tested. With confidence, you can sail home safely, but with self-righteousness, your Argo will sink.

Taurus (April 20th to May 20th): You know you've heard it before — "What comes first, the chicken or the egg?" It doesn't matter, Taurus! If you grab the hen and run, you'll never be out of eggs. This is a good time for you to follow your own well-thought-out plans.

Gemini (May 21st to June 20th): This doesn't happen often, Gemini, but this week the Twins of your Sign are joined at the head. You experience a surge of renewal and a singularity of vision. And, if you don't fight over who wears the hat, your pursuits can be relaxed.

Cancer (June 21st to July 22): You are th Sign of the Crab, Cancer. Have you ever noticed how they move through water? They go sideways. And this week, you should follow. Family is highlighted. You are very sensitive to those around you. Just move to the side; you will avoid giving away so much of yourself there is nothing left for you.

Leo (July 23rd to August 22nd): Do they still make those ice cream cups? You know the ones, Leo — half-chocolate and half-vanilla. Your social life is like that this week. There will be sudden changes and alterations in plans, a dark side, and a light side. It can be good. (Eat it before it melts.)

Virgo (August 23rd to September 22nd): Does "shooting-the-rapids" sound like fun, Virgo? Why? Choose one: a) you've studied the charts, b) you know the river, c) it takes knowledge and skill, or d) it's a power rush. In other words, it's a good time to examine your motives. time to examine your motives.

Libra (September 23rd to October 22nd): The Sign of the Scales. Those two trays, suspended by locks, trying to maintain balance. Have you considered thinking of yourself as a lever and fulcrum? You can get a lot more leverage that way with less stress.

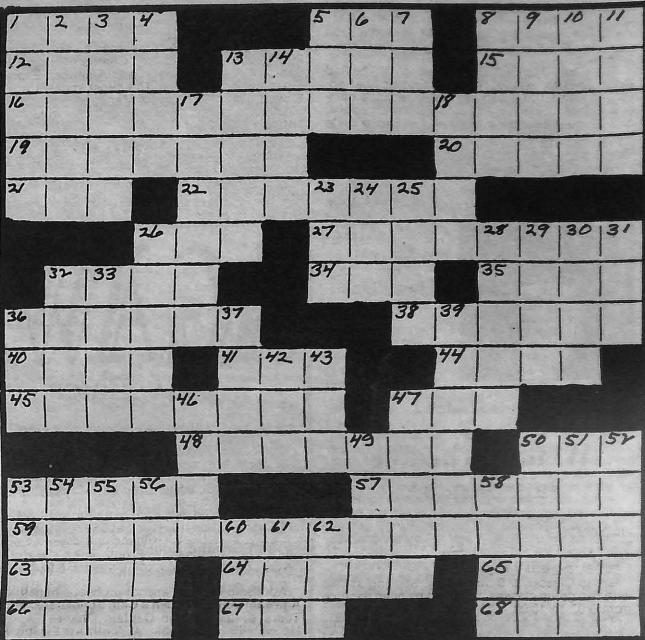
Scorpio (October 23rd to November 21st): You are the secret agent of the zodiac, Scorpio — the 008. Have you considered that if you were more open about your personal ambitions and special projects, others might volunteer to help you — willingly! You mission is possible. Remember, the best spy is the one with the least to hide.

Sagittarius (November 22nd to December 21st): You're the celestial Archer, Sagittarius, and this is the time to let your arrows fly — not all at once. You are going to be thrust into the public view. You have your chance to capitalize on a new venture. You will also get some of the freedom you have been wanting.

Capricorn (December 22nd to January 19th):
There is a Zen koan, Capricorn, that asks, "What is the sound of one hand clapping?" That should be your thought for the week. This is a time for reflection, not self-admiration.

(Editor's note: Dale Platenik of Holyoke has been an astrologer for 19 years, has taught it and related subjects, and works as a counselor in the field. She can be reached at 539-5934.)

Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



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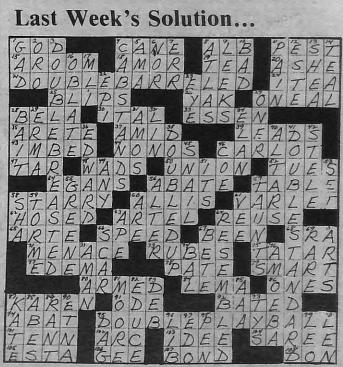
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Last Week's Solution...



Program On 19th Century Magician At The Agawam Library

Wearing white pantaloons and a blue tail coat, Robert Olson will recreate the 19th-century magic of Richard Potter at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, February 5th, at 7:30 p.m.

Potter first performed on his own in 1810 at the Columbian Museum in Boston. He advertised his show as "An Evening's Brush to Sweep Away Care, or a Medley to Please." The show consisted of magic with cards and coins, ribbons and boxes, and a variety of other tricks of magic from over 150 years ago.

This program is free and open to the public, and it is being presented by the Agawam Cultural Council with funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Dick Mastroianni's "Meet The Master" is a weekly feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...

For Valentine's Weekend...

"One Enchanted **Evening"** Coming To The Red Door Theatre

Are all the chocolates picked over, leaving only the pink ones? Are the cards limited to "Be My Valentine, Mother-In-Law?"? Are you stuck on what to do for your sweetheart this Valentine's

Then, try "One Enchanted Evening" at The Red Door Theatre, where you and that special someone can sit at a candlelit table, enjoy a complimentary bottle of non-alcoholic champagne, and share a chocolate heart and cill respective.

and share a chocolate heart and silk rose while being entertained by the romantic voices of Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons.

Be swept away by memories of simpler, gentler, and more loving times with music of love from Broadway, country, pop, and rock. It's an evening made for lovers and friends who want to escape the job, the housework the kids and enjoy a the job, the housework, the kids, and enjoy a

special time for themselves.

Comedy, music, and a funny, poignant one-act play, "Valentines and Killer Chili," will make up this STAGE III presentation, which runs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings (February 12th, 13th, and 14th) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$25 per couple, and audience members may bring their own basket of goodies or enjoy the snacks at The Bed Door refreshment har The Red Door refreshment bar.

Many have made this occasion an annual celebration for the past five years. Start your own tradition this year and bring your sweetheart to The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. You may get something special back in return.

Call (413) 789-2026 for reservations.

Winter Schedule At Ballroom Dance

The American Academy of Ballroom Dance, Inc., located at 33 Russo Circle, Agawam, has announced its winter schedule of activities (January through March).
* EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

Group Classes & Dance Party: Starting at 7:30 with two group classes, followed by open dancing from 9:00 to 10:00. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Admission is \$10 per person. Come with or without a partner. Call the Academy at 786-5125 for further information.

* EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

Group Classes & Dance Party: Admission is \$15
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'Strategies For Funding Children's Education' At Agawam Library

An educational seminar titled "Strategies for Funding Your Children's Education" will take place on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public

This seminar will be presented by Sue Alvanos, Personal Financial Advisor, Charlie Alvanos, CFP, Senior Financial Advisor, and American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. The guest speaker will be Steve Duval, CFP, District Manager. This fast-paced, 60-minute seminar will include critical information about:

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* How to estimate the cost of sending your children to the college of their choice.

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various funding options available.

To make reservations, call Sue Alvanos at 534-3883, ext. 225. Seating is limited, so please respond promptly!

Crafters Sought For Junior Women's 25th **Arts & Crafts Fairs**

Crafters are sought for the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. All types of artisans and crafers are invited to participate in this event. The show will be juried and feature approximately 80 to 90 expressions. juried and feature approximately 80 to 90 ex-

Admission is free, and all proceeds benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Fund. Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display as well.

The size of each space will be 12' x 12', and a showing fee of \$45 will be due at time of application. A food concession will also be available dur-

ing the day for your convenience.

For more information or an application, please call Paula at (413) 786-0511 or Theresa at (413) 786-6515.

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SSO To Present "Mozart And The Magic Flute"

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra pays tribute to a musical legend and celebrates his contributions to the world of classical music with Mozart and The Magic Flute on Saturday, February 6th, at 8:00 p.m. at Springfield Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

The performance will also feature retiring SSO principal flutist William Wittig, as the orchestra recognizes his 30 years of dedication to the organization.

organization.

The program will include three Mozart selections: Overture to The Magic Flute, Divertimento, K.131, Symphony No. 41 ("Jupiter"), and Music for Flute and Orchestra written especially for Wittig by Smith College faculty member Ronald Perera.

The evening's performance will pay tribute to SSO principal flutist William Wittig, whose musical career is marked by accolades demonstrating his talent and professionalism. One of Wittig's many accomplishments includes receiving a Fulbright Award to study in Paris.

He has written more than a dozen programs for PBS and won an ACE award in 1989 for Best Program About Music For Children. Wittig is a faculty member at Smith College, where he teaches flute and courses about music, art, and the media.

There is a mystery surrounding the origin of Mozart's last three symphonies (which include the 39, 40, and 41). There is no record of commission or performance of any of them in his lifetime.

or performance of any of them in his lifetime.
Nevertheless, Mozart produced what SSO
Maestro Mark Russell Smith calls, "a culmination of his lifetime of musical learning and experience. 'Jupiter' is an intricate and seemingly spontaneous piece which is actually amazingly crafted."

Tickets for the concert are available at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) at (413) 733-2291.

Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$36. A 25-percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more, and

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High School Jazz Festival.

Nearly 3,000 students will compete for trophies, citation plaques, and tuition scholarships totaling \$100,000 at the largest festival of its kinds in the

United States.

Musical performances, which are free and open to the public, will take place at the Hynes Conventor tion Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and from 7:30 until 11:30 p.m., when the 10 top big bands will perform in the final competition at the 2,700-seat Hynes Grand

One of the college's most prestigious bands, the Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra, directed by Greg Hopkins, will also perform in the Grand Ballroom from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

"We would love to see people come from all over to learn first-hand just how strong the future of jazz is," said Lawrence Bethune, Berklee's Vice-President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students and Festival Executive Director. "Back in 1968, when we started this festival, we had only 15 hands, but now the festival is the Jargest of its 15 bands, but now the festival is the largest of its kind in the country. People who come to the Jazz Festival will not only have a great time, but may get a glimpse of the next generation of jazz's young masters. And we're very happy to be back at the Hynes this year for the battle of the big

Since its inception in 1968, the Berklee High School Jazz Festival has hosted more than 30,000 students in over 2,000 ensembles. This year's festival will feature about 200 jazz ensembles, including big bands, small combos, and vocal jazz groups from all six New England states, as well as New York, New Jersey, and Delaware. The student ensemble performances will be judged by top

Berklee faculty adjudicators.

Between competitive events at the Hynes, festival participants and attendees can visit booths hosted by industry exhibitors and several Berklee departments to learn about a wide range of musical areas and instruments, including jazz piano, voice, guitar and bass, improvisation, and

Student musicians will also have a chance to take part in jam sessions at the "Rising Star Club" at the Hynes, or walk across the street to attend faculty clinics at Berklee's David Friend Recital Hall at 921 Boylston Street, where open houses will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Career Resource Center and the Admis-

Another Berklee building (located at 150 Massachusetts Avenue) will be the site of several more open houses, where participating students and festival visitors can get a comprehensive, insider's view of Berklee's various departments and

facilities.

Berklee's Film Scoring, Music Production and Engineering, and Music Technology areas, as well as the newly-dedicated Stan Getz Media Center and Library, will host open house sessions from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Music Technology Division will give three guided tours of their Music Synthesis labs and Music Production and

Engineering studios.

Each tour will include demonstrations by Berkless faculty and staff, as well as opportunities to observe Berklee students working on

projects in these environments.

The first 200 people to attend a tour of the Music Technology Division will receive a "Berklee Music Technology Division 1998" CD. Tours will meet at the Music Technology table at the Hynes Convention Center and be escorted to the department by a staff member. Brochures and schedules will be available at the Music Technology table at the Hynes.
Founded in 1945, Berklee College of Music has

been advancing careers in contemporary music for more than 50 years. The world's largest independent college of music, Berklee has a multicultural enrollment of nearly 3,000 students, 40 percent of whom are international.

The college's alumni include some of the most respected figures in contemporary music, including many multi-Grammy Award winners.



AT HER!TAGE HALL IN AGAWAM (left to right, clockwise): Ted Geligan, Brian Lee Costello, Kay Amstead, Peggy Nye, "Sally," Ashley Szczebak, Kaitlin Bonneville, Stephanie Rivard, and Agnes Gula.

Through The Eden Alternative...

Fifth-Graders & Heritage Hall Seniors Learn From Each Other

by Kathy Shepard Advertiser News Feature Writer

Fifth-grade students from the classes of Lou Spiro and Jeanne Forgette have been visiting residents of Heritage Hall in Agawam in a comresidents of Heritage Hall in Agawam in a community project integrating The Eden Alternative with curriculum objectives of the Middle School. During this week, students and residents began the Living History phase. The project, although ongoing, finally received its name: Link-Ages.

Kim George, director of Volunteer Services and The Eden Alternative Educator at Genesis Elder-Care, has worked on other projects with the Middle School. She introduced The Eden Alternative

dle School. She introduced The Eden Alternative to the students of the fifth grade on Tuesday, January 19th. The presentation was held in the

school's auditorium.

Kim read a folk tale, the stone soup story, which illustrates the special gifts each person has. She then spoke of the uniqueness of the gifts each resident might have and she also spoke about loneliness and boredom, giving reasons why it is so important for the children to visit the nursing

center and be companions for these residents.

Afterwards, the students watched a quick video that showed what an Eden Alternative Center looks like (with residents visiting with young peo-

ple, pets, as well as other interactions).

"The students became very excited to see this nursing center, and they expressed how much like a home it seemed. They said it was cool," Kim said. "I let them know how special they are to be a part of this." part of this.

There are only 60 sites registered nationally by The Eden Alternative, and there are only two in

Massachusetts. Both of them are Genesis Elder-Care sites - Willimansett West in Chicopee, and

Heritage Woods in Agawam.
On Tuesday, January 26th, Lou Spiro accompanied the fifth-graders to Heritage Woods, where the residents and students made snowmen pins out of Dixie cup wooden scoops, glue, fur balls, sequins, and other art supplies. Without question, both age groups enjoyed this opportunity to visit in the bright community room of Heritage Woods.

Tenderness And Enjoyment...

Tenderness and enjoyment were evident on the faces of visitors and residents. The young people honestly like the elders, and it is evident that the feeling is mutual. Some pet parakeets provided songs and chirpings, while homemade cookies were served with juice.

Stephanie Ricard, one of the fifth-graders, said

that "visiting the elderly is very fun."

Classmate Brian Lee Costello summed up his feelings: "It's really fun to be with the older peo-

Heritage resident Agnes Gula said, "I think it's beautiful to be with the kids."

Ted Geligan, another Heritage resident, stated, "We don't get to see children very much. This is very enjoyable."

Shortly, according to Spiro, the Living History phase of this community endeavor will begin, and it is expected that this group of young people will not only learn from the residents; their reactions to the historical treasures they uncover will become another educational fountainhead.

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Ownership

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

I decided I had it. I mean, I had been working with Bill for weeks, hoping his grades would rise; hoping he would get his act together and stay out of trouble; hoping for many things ... but to no

My wit's end came when warnings arrived and true to form, Bill earned the distinction of receiving them in all his major subjects. And to make matters worse, I had received three behavior slips from the vice-principal. All the talks Bill and I had certainly didn't sink in. Now what ...?

Well, since I'm a determined person, I called Bill into my office. He gave me his usual big smile, sat down at my desk, and waited for me to begin.

mentioned his warnings.

He thought for a minute, didn't look too upset, and said, "Well, you know, I have to work after school. Then, when I do get home, there's a lot of confusion in my house, so I can't concentrate and I do have to help my folks with some chores."
"Oh," I said, "you've given me some excuses

for the warnings, but what are the reasons? I mean, you're the one who is in control of what you wish to do. If work is interfering with your studying, then cut down your hours. If your brothers and sisters make too much noise, find another place to study. But Bill, don't blame outside happenings for your problems!"

"But Mrs. Cohen," he countered, "you have no idea what it's like. How do you expect me to find another place to study? And what would my boss say if I ask to have my hours cut? Oh, and I need

the money for my car payments."

We bantered back and forth and what came out loud and clear was that Bill had no intention of taking ownership of his actions. His grades, in his mind, were not his fault. Hey, it's always easier that way.

Blame someone else. That kind of lets you off the hook.

From grades, we went on to his acting out and of course, he felt getting written up wasn't his fault. The teachers just didn't like him. Yes, this kid just wasn't taking ownership of his actions, and without taking ownership, the problems really weren't problems that he caused, so why should he be the one who should have to fix them?

I asked him if he knew the story of the Three Little Pigs. Of course, he looked at me like I was crazy, but he did recount the story and what he came to realize was that the pigs had to blame themselves for having their houses blown down. They had to take ownership of the fact that they had not built their houses of sturdy materials that would withstand the huffs from the mean old wolf. The one who wisely used brick still had his home.

We discussed other instances of ownership. If he didn't check the oil in his car and the engine seized, whose fault was that? On the football field, if he fumbled the ball and the other team recovered, whose fault was that? Next time, would he continue to fumble, or would he take ownership of the fact that he messed up and decide to change?

I explained to him that unless he begins to take ownership of these things, he would not change. After all, why should he? I mean, in his mind, he feels he didn't cause them, so why should he

change them?
"Well," I continued, looking him squarely in the
eye, "I hate to tell you this, Bill, but the grades and your actions do belong to you. And because they do belong to you, only you can change them. Only you can decide you own them and only you can make them better. So, my friend, the ball's in your hands. Now it's your decision if you want to keep fumbling or not." fumbling or not.

Well, Bill did not change overnight. Things just don't happen that way. But gradually, he started to improve. He kept a list of all the test grades, saw what he was earning, and took ownership of those grades. And that was the big step ... owner-

Once he owned them, he realized he had the power to control them and that's exactly what he started to do.

Agawam Band Can **Drive Slated For** February 7th

The Agawam Band Can Drive will take place this Sunday, February 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Infinity Freight Lines Warehouse (on

Ramah Circle) in Agawam.

If you would like to donate cans, please tie a brightly colored ribbon around your mailbox, and we will collect them at your door. Or, call Nathan at 789-6062 to inform us if you would like to donate to the collection.

ADVERTISER NEWS

Weekly Guidance Bulletin From AHS...

GUIDANCE BULLETIN
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Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons of Italy Scholarship: Twenty-two scholarships will be awarded. One award will be made to a properly qualified art student, one to a properly qualified music student, one to a vocational student, four awards to properly qualified students regardless of race or national origin and the remainder will

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Elms College: February 20th, 9:00 a.m.-12:30

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Local Students On Second Honor Roll At St. Thomas School

Sr. Lillian Reilly, Principal of Saint Thomas the Apostle School, 75 Pine Street, West Springfield, has announced the names of Agawam and Feeding Hills students who have attained the second-quarter honor roll at St. Thomas. **FIRST HONORS**

Grade six: Elizabeth Barker, Jeffrey Lagasse, Jessica Pokora, and Timothy Welch.

Grade five: Kaitlyn Chase. SECOND HONORS

Grade eight: Paul Lagasse. Grade seven: Michael Audette and Katherine

Grade five: Diana Forbes and Nicholas Pokora. THIRD HONORS

Grade eight: Stephanie Bradford and Mary Elizabeth Jamroz

Grade seven: Elizabeth Leon.

Grade six: Danielle Poggi, Adam Rhodes, and Angela Velosky

Grade five: Anthony Ardolino and Erika Mor-

P.U.M.P. Team **Holds First Activity** At Agawam Jr. High

The Peers Understanding Major Problems Team, or P.U.M.P., held its first activity on Monday, January 25th.

The group of 15 students who are committed to addressing issues of violence in school hosted an afternoon of volleyball at the Agawam Junior High

P.U.M.P. is a collaboration between students,

The administrators and faculty representatives were teamed with members of the Police Department and took on the 30-plus students who stayed after school for the games.

The P.U.M.P. team will continue to host activities through the school and more students will have an opportunity to get involved in the future.
This event collected five large bags of canned

goods and used clothing for Jessie's House, a shelter in Northampton.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however. we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

Storrowton Village Has Winter Vacation **Program For Children**

Children age seven through 12 can step into the 19th century and learn more about Early American Village life during Storrowton Village Museum's winter vacation program titled, "A Day Away in the Past."

The program will be offered twice, February 17th or 18th, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Children spending a day away in the past will dress in period costumes provided by the Village and try their hand at crafts such as candle dipp-

ing, basketmaking, and fireplace cooking. They will also participate in old fashioned games and experience the uniqueness of a one-room schoolhouse as they "take their lessons" from the "Schoolmistress."

The cost for the one-day program is \$25. To register or find out more about this unique historic program, call the Storrowton Village Museum office at 413-787-0136.

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Ode To Our Nurse, Hilda Bartnik

(a class poem by the healthy kids in room 307 at Agawam Middle School)

Our school nurse is awfully nice, So I went down to see her twice. She checked my eyes, she checked my ears, and then she checked all of my peers. After giving me two shots, she gave me Band-Aids with polka dots.

Our school nurse has always dared, to come to school and be prepared. She even has a bunch of snacks, If I am injured she has ice-packs. Mrs. Bartnik has the potion to keep everyone in motion. Our school nurse is really fun. No wonder she is number one!

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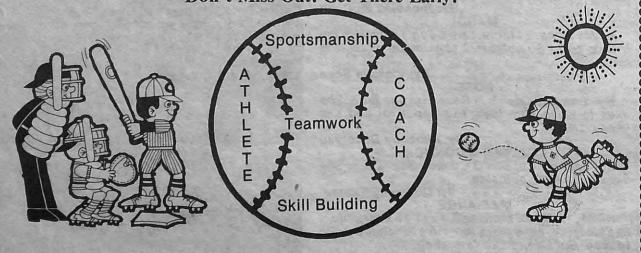
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HILDA BARTNIK, R.N., the school nurse at Agawam Middle School, on "Nurses' Day." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 8th: Pepperoni-topped French bread pizza, tossed garden Isalad, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday, February 9th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled peaches, chocolate pud-

ding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, February 10th: In-Service Day for elementary schools (no lunches served). At the Junior High and Middle School - Roast turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll, spice cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, February 11th: Hamburg with creamy gravy, whipped potatoes, green and wax beans, whole wheat bread and butter, pear macaroon, milk.

Friday, February 12th: Meatball sandwich in a roll with tomato sauce, broccoli cuts, rosy apple sauce, ice cream,

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

Anti-Tobacco Consultant To Appear At Agawam Jr. High

The Agawam Junior High will welcome Bob Bigelow on February 11th. Bigelow is a former NBA first-round draft pick and a four-year NBA

He is sponsored by the Massachusetts Inter-scholastic Athletic Association and the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, He was hired in 1995 as an anti-tobacco consultant.

Since January of 1995, Bigelow has visited over 225 schools and conducted over 850 presentations. He will broaden awareness of smokeless tobacco use and help educate our children about the unhealthy effects of all tobacco use.

Parents are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger at 821-



Snow Stories & Snow "Creations" A Flurry At James Clark School

The two first-grade classrooms of Mrs. Doris Early and Mrs. Joyce Rheaume were very busy recently, reading to their classes Snowballs by Lois Ehlert, and then aiding their students' imaginations by providing tons of "good stuff" for them to use to create the best-ever snow "creations." (These will never melt away!)

Following their creations, the children began to write to tell all about their snow creations, who they were, what was so special about them, etc.

Please feel free to stop by their showcase and see these wonderful creatures. We hope you enjoy reading their stories!

ROOM 3 — MRS. EARLY STEFFI

Hi. I am Steffi. I like to play. My best food is macaroni. I am 6 years old. I was born in June. My favorite game is Monopoly.

By: Melissa Marsh

SALEE Her name is Salee. She likes to read. Her favorite game is Guess Who. Her favorite thing to do is play with her friends

By: Samantha Abraham PRINCESS

I have a snow thing. It is a girl. Her name is Princess. She likes to play with me. She is 16 years old.

By Katelyn Foster

SNOWBALL

His name is Snowball. He likes to play. He likes to write. He is ten years old. His birthday is in January.

By: Taylor Stathis

ALEXIS My snow thing is a snow girl. Her name is Alexis. Alexis is six. Alexis's favorite thing to do is read, write, and go to school. Her birthday is September 15. She loves making gingerbread.

By: Kelsey Caroleo

PRINCESS Princess likes to play Duck, Duck Gooses with Bongo and I. She is pretty. I love her. She is 1 year old. She is a cat. She is nice.

By: Kaitlyn Douglas **JESSICA**

Hi. I am a snowman. My names is Jessica. I am 6 years old. I will melt in the summer, but I will still be here because it is not summertime yet. I was born on January 5th.

By: Jessica Niles

Hi. I am a snow girl. My name is Flower. I am 10 years old. I like balls.

By: Desiree Certer

Hi. My name is Ryan. I am 14 years old. I like to read and play and go throw balls.

By: Nicholas McCann MAGIN

Hi. My name is Magin. I am a dog. I play with my friends and I go outside. I stay inside when it is

> By: Victoria Shea ROSE

My snow girl's name is Rose, Her age is 15. She likes to sleep. She likes to sleep a lot and she likes pizza.

By: Kimberly Decoteau COLLEEN O'CONNOR
Her name is Colleen O'Connor. She is 41/2. She likes to be alive and sing.

By: Colleen O'Connor Hi. My name is Marianne. I am 11 years old. I like sleeping. I like pizza too. I like lunch too. I like to read. But I don't like gym at all.

By: Laura Carter

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THE ROOM 4 STUDENTS of Mrs. Joyce Rheaume at James Clark Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO ABOVE: The room 3 students of Mrs. Doris Early at James Clark Elementary School. IN PHOTO BELOW: The showcase featuring the snow "creations" by the students from rooms 3 and 4. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"KID'S KORNER" - from Page 38...

His name is Sparky. He is 36 years old. He does construction. He does digging. He likes building

By: Thomas Walker

MICKELA

My name is Mickela. I like me because I eat

By: Mickela Reid

FROSTY My snowman likes Santa Claus. His name is Frosty. He is 6 years old.

By: Austin Paro

His name is Chris. He likes to eat toast. He is 13 years old.

By: Christopher Lucia His name is Matthew. He likes to eat hamburgers. Most of the time he likes to eat hot dogs. By: Kenneth LaFleche

SARA

My snowgirl like to eat fruit and her birthday is February 12th. Most of all she loves to go to school and read. Her name is Sara.

By: Shannon Foley MEGHAN

My snow person's name is Meghan. She likes to go to Riverside, and she is six. Her birthday is December 15th. By: Carley Pelletier

SHANNON

Hi. My name is Shannon. I like to go to Riverside and I am 16. I like to eat fruit. I was born on SCOOBY DOO May 24th.

His name is Scooby Doo. He is six. He is a boy. He likes to run. He likes me.

By: Michael Meunier BRANDON

His name is Brandon. He is 27 years old. He likes getting books. Brandon also likes to eat piz-

By: Matthew White

ROOM 4 - MRS. RHEAUME SNOWFLAKE

My snowman is 100 years old. He was born on December 31. His name is Snowflake. He eats pasta and he eats pizza. He said, "Can you help me find my lost toy?" He lost it in the snow; his toy was a toy cat. We found it just in time and we played with it.

By: Douglas Loubier

My snowman is 11. His name is Snappy. He sweeps snow away all year long. Me and my Dad help Snappy.

By: Joshua Christian

BABY My snowman is Baby. He is six. He plays soccer and he likes Math. He likes to run and he loves me. He lost his toy. It was a dog toy. He is starting to cry and I said please do not cry, please please do not cry. But I love him and I love you very, very much. He found the toy and was happy.

By: Andrew Talenda

ZIPPING My snowman's name is Zipping. He is one and a half years old. He was born on December 24. He is going to walk with me, and he will run with me and he will run fast all the time. He does funny stuff too. The end.

By: Gabrielle Calvanese

JACK My snowboy is 12 and his name is Jack. He works third shift. He is the best snowboy ever and I don't want him to melt away

By: Andrea Gamache

FLUFFY Fluffy, he is 14. He is a runner, he runs everywhere. He loves to run. Sometimes he gets a little bit tired. He is just a snowman. But he is a runner snowman. He's really special because he is the only snowman that came to life. By: Ian Lewis

King was born on December 9, 1998. He is 9 months old. He is the King of Jeannie's castle. My King is mad at our people. He was mad because they were not doing what he said to do. The people were sad with the King. So he decided not to be mad because the people were sad, and they tried to be nice to him.

By: Steven Fleming

CHUCKY This is Chucky. He is from a horror movie. He is 3 years old. Chucky likes to play with me. We play

By: Dylan Garfield

Alison Readio Attains Dean's List Standing At Westfield State

Feeding Hills resident Alison Readio, a criminal justice major, was named to the Westfield State College Dean's List for the 1998 fall semester. ROVER

He is six. He jumps up fast. I like him very much. He is my favorite snowboy. I hope he never melts away.

By: Kyra Almeida

CARA She is going to be six. Her name is Cara. She is going to grandma's and she is going to have fun, and she is going to be good. She is very special to me and she is nice.

By: Rae-Lynn Houle

SNOWBALLS Her name is Snowballs. She was born in July. She is 1 year old. She has a friend named Stefanie and a sister named Victoria. She is playing ball. By: Stefanie Littlefield JULIE My snowperson is good and nice.

My snowgirl is Julie. Her age is 1. She is playing dressup. She is wearing buttons, a scarf, a hat with hearts on it, earrings, and a bow. She is tall and for eyes she had beads and she has black hair. She put coffee beans around her mouth and she put sticks for her arms. She has shiny buttons. She is very beautiful when she dresses up. She will go play hopscotch.

By: Jennifer Casinghino MAKAYLA

My snowgirl's name is Makayla. She is ten years old. She dances in recitals and she loves to eat popcorn, and she wants ice skates for Christmas, I want some too. She was born May 4. Her Mom and Dad's names are Stefanie and Steven.

By: Ericka Lynch

NICOLE My snowgirl's name is Nicole. She is a waitress and she was born on May 9, and she likes to go to the park with her children. Her children are Stefanie, Cara, and Nikki.

By: Brianna Paine

My snowman's name is lan. He is 2. He loves to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. He likes to play ball all the time. We go to school everyday to learn and play. When we go home he takes a nap. "Goodnight," I say to lan.

By: Laura Sapelli

PAT My snowman's name is Pat. He can do juggling and he can blow bubbles. His family is nice because they play with him. He is 36 years old. By: Sean Meade

FROSTY

My snowman is juggling lots of balls on his nose. He is seven and his name is Frosty.

By: Michael Lyons

My snowgirl's name is Leah and her age is 11. She is trying on a skirt because she wants to buy it. Her favorite color is purple. She wants to be a good reader and her favorite word is baby. She likes to eat fish sticks, she likes to play dress up and she likes to read Go, Dog, Go. Her favorite day is Tuesday. Her favorite TV show is One Saturday Morning. He favorite number is 8 and her favorite letter is R.

By: Cara Mittler

HARMONY

My snow kitten's name is Harmony. She is 1 day old. She likes to ride a bike and she likes to dance. She also likes to swing and do math and run. But the sad thing about the snow kitten is that next summer she melts away. So I saved a little bit of snow to put in the freezer to make her again next

By: Alyssa Abraham SNOW WHITE

The snow girl plays with me and I play with her.

She is 2, and I love her and she loves me. Her name is Snow White. By: Lakeside Rockwell

SNOW BALL

She was born in June. She is five years old. She has red hair. Her name is Snow Ball. In the summer she plays ball.

By: Nikki Barker

or 562-8813.

MITCH My snowman is Mitch. He is fun. I will make him again next winter. By: Michael Mariani

SNOW GIRL

My snow girl was born in a palace. She is six. I have fun with her. By: Nicole Vickers

My snowman is 99 years old. His name is Paul. He loves to play with me. By: Matthew Walters

Tracy J. Landry On Framingham State College's Dean's List

Tracy J. Landry of Agawam was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1998 semester at Framingham State College.

To be selected for the Dean's list a student must earn a Quality Point Average (Q.P.A.) of 3.25



MISS MARJORIE WARD

Annual Scholarship To Be Named For Marjorie Ward

Former students of Miss Marjorie Ward have received permission from the Agawam School Committee to award an annual scholarship to an Agawam High School senior planning to train and enter the field of education.

Miss Ward was the first Agawam High School history teacher, as she was hired when the school opened in 1922. She devoted 41 years of her life to the students of Agawam. Upon hearing of her death at the age of 100, some of her former students wanted to do something to have a lasting memorial in her honor. We hope to award this scholarship annually.

Miss Ward was an example of what a teacher should be. Her dedication and the respect which she gave to each of her students is remembered by many. She knew and loved history and taught in such a manner that it seemed as if she had experienced all the events personally.

She made history come alive for her students. Knowing what each student was capable of doing, she challenged them. It is said that education is not taught, but caught, and with her guidance, many Agawam students were catchers of quality education.

Miss Ward remembered her students and many of them remember her now. Until her death, she was happy to greet former students and would ask questions about her visitors and their fellow

classmates. If you would like to be part of this new scholarship, a fund has been opened at the Westfield Savings, Bank, 655 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Please make your check payable to "Marjorie Ward Scholarship Fund" and mail it to the bank. If you wish information, please call 786-1473

Pre-Registration For Agawam Kindergarten

Children who will be five years of age prior to October 1, 1999 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in Agawam for the 1999-2000 school

Parents of children who will be eligible for kindergarten are requested to contact the nearest

elementary school as soon as possible.

Parents are encouraged to register their children prior to the last day of kindergarten screening (April 30, 1999).

Lucia A. Delnegro On Salem's Dean's List

Salem State College is pleased to announce that Agawam resident Lucia M. Delnegro has been named to the Fall 1998 Dean's List.

To make the Dean's List at Salem State, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credits per semester and maintain a grade point average of

DisAbility Awareness



NANCY BAZANCHUK, a graduate of Agawam High School and the Program Coordinator for Adaptive Sports and Recreation of Child and Family Services of the Pioneer Valley, recently visited each first-grade class at the four elementary schools in town. She presented a program on disAbility awareness and stressed, "People are different. They use different equipment to get around — a wheelchair, an artificial leg, a walker." Her program highlighted concepts that students were being taught in health classes. They included "skills and abilities" and "different abilities and limitations." Pictured above with Nancy is Bryan Brown, the health education teacher at Robinson Park School Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Anthony J. Rose Named To Dean's List At Bryant College

Anthony J. Rose of Feeding Hills, a senior Finance major at Bryant College, has been named to the fall semester Dean's List.

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Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, is recognized as one of the leading business colleges in the country by U.S. News & World Report and Barron's.

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AHS Guidance Department Slates Annual Meeting For Incoming Ninth-Grade Parents

On Wednesday, February 10th, the Agawam High School Guidance Department will conduct its annual meeting for incoming ninth-grade parents (the present eighth-grade class). This extremely important meeting will take place in the High School Auditorium starting at 7:00 p.m.
Topics scheduled to be discussed that evening include the scheduling of eighth-grade students

for the ninth grade, as well as the new program of studies for grade nine (including the new in-tegrated Science and English Honors Portfolio

Additional discussion topics will include graduation requirements and the revised entrance requirements for Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities. This program is intended to meet the needs of parents as their child reaches this challenging and exciting time.

The students will have their own orientation program when the High School counselors visit the Junior High during the week of February 8th-12th. These small meetings will allow the students to ask questions and to have their concerns addressed in a familiar classroom setting.

Actual scheduling of students will not take place until after a "Hands-On Career Night" will be conducted at the High School on the evening

of Wednesday, March 3rd.
Please plan to attend these two informational evenings and watch this paper for more details on

February 10th Is Professional Dev. Day For PreK - 4 Teachers

On Wednesday, February 10th, the Agawam Public Schools will conduct a full day of professional development for PreK - 4 teachers.

Consequently, the Early Childhood Center, Clark, Granger, Phelps, and Robinson Park will not be in session that day, since elementary teachers will spend the entire day attending various MCAS workshops and training sessions.

PreK - 4 students will return to school on Thurs-

day, February 11th.

Wendy Hughes Named To Dean's List At Univ. Of Massachusetts

Wendy Hughes' name has been listed on the University of Massachusetts Dean's List for the fall semester with a 3.68 grade point.

Wendy is the daughter of Thomas & Pam

Hughes of Cooper Street, Agawam.

Dean's List status is granted to full-time undergraduate students who attain a minimum 3.5 semester average with 12 or more graded

Wendy is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School and is a sophomore majoring in Micro-Biology.

AHS February Calendar Of Events

Feb. 6th: Jazz Band performance at Enrico Fer-

mi High School, Enfield, CT Feb. 10th: Guidance Dept. Orientation for incoming ninth-grade parents; Math Club meeting; Child Development Class Valentine's Day Celebration, Period 3; School physicals scheduled beginning at 8:00 a.m.; Peer Leaders Training, Alcohol, Tobacco, and other drugs, at the Agamam Police Station's Community Room.

Feb. 11th: Child Development Class Valentine's
Day Celebration, Period 1 & 6
Feb. 12th: Sophomore Ring Breakfast

Feb. 13th: Jazz Band to Berklee Jazz Festival,

Boston

Feb. 15th-19th: Mid-Winter Vacation Feb. 21st: Cheer Celebration. Cheerleading Competition at Chicopee Comp. High School, 2:00 Feb. 22nd-28th: Math Club Food Drive for Open

Feb. 23rd: Intergenerational Poetry Group Meeting, 1:50-2:40 p.m., Room 38
Feb. 24th: Math Club Meeting. Discussion for Math Day. Per drugs of the Agency Police Station co, and other drugs, at the Agawam Police Station

Community Room.

Feb. 24th-25th: Winter Top 40 - 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 28th: Cheerleading Competition at Chicopee High School, 2:00 p.m.

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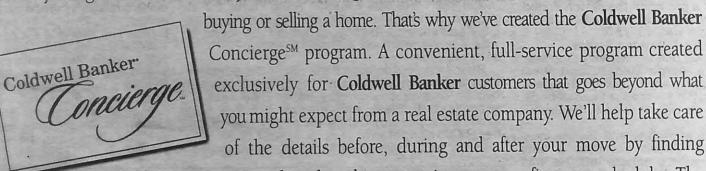
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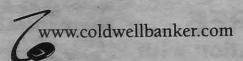
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Agawam Wrestling Vs

AHS Matmen Drop West Side In Key Match

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

Most schoolboy wrestling programs in Western Mass. rate their season on how well they do against Agawam High.

So, it was no surprise last Wednesday evening when West Springfield High came calling at Kibbe Gym. The Terriers brought their faithful, helped fill the place, and went home a 32-24 loser. It was another rung in that long ladder of excellent competition between the two towns. It was indeed a sweet win for the defending Western Mass. Cham-

Agawam came in at 8-0 in the league and 8-2 overall. West Side showed up at 10-4-1 and 5-2. The Brownies started out fast with a pin in the 103's, courtesy of sophomore Eric Hogan. It was

onward and upward from there.

All-Western Mass. champion Dave Moore was in a fight with the Terriers' Joe Labelle in the 112's. The Brownie junior, who is as tough as he is fast, couldn't nail the Terrier, who is just as tough. Instead, he settled for a 6-3 win. Moore did have a chance for a pln in the third period after shooting for the taken and a second a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second for the takedown. Labelle escaped and spent the rest of the match heads up against Moore. Labelle could have done more. But the Brownie was just

too formidable to mess with, thus the final score.
The 119's saw Agawam's Bob Creanza against West Springfield's Bob Lane. Creanza led 2-0 after the first period, getting the points on a takedown. He got two more in the second on another takedown and was in control with 50 seconds left. He went into the third period leading 4-0 after getting out of some trouble as the second two minutes ended. Creanza scored two on a reverse to start the third period.

After that, down 6-0, Lane started to take chances. Creanza hopped on him and was in the process of trying for a pin when the match ended, with the Brownie coming away with a 6-1 victory.

At that point, Agawam was up, 12-0.
A Rising Star Vs A Veteran Senior...

The 125's saw a good one between a rising star, Agawam sophomore Aaron Gilbert, and West Side's All-Western Mass. senior Darrell Bussiere. It was a defensive battle for the first two periods. Both were standing as Gilbert tried to figure out the Terrier's style.

The second stanza started with Bussiere locking up from behind. Gilbert executed a nifty escape and led 1-0 with a minute left. He was ahead by that score when the period ended.

The Terrier, using his experience, came out shooting in the third. Gilbert countered but got

caught in a takedown and went down, 3-1. He managed an escape with 13 seconds left, but couldn't get much else and wound up losing.

Next up was Agawam's Ryan Gamache against West Side's Nick Topchin in the 130's. Topchin has an unusual style. He tries a lot of head fakes, like a prize fighter. Since the head isn't the target in wrestling, it was a bit puzzling.

Gamache wasn't puzzled at all. He pounced on the Terrier with 40 seconds left in the first and went for the pin. Only the buzzer saved Topchin. Gamache went up 5-0 to start the second and 8-1 when the period ended.

Again he was going for the nin and again Tonchin was saved by the buzzer. Even the referee had enough of Tpochin's head-faking. He was down 17-1 and that was it - match called on the

mercy rule with a minute to go in the third.

Chris Wayte came up in the 135's. He was going against West Side's Jon Agustakis. Wayte went down, 2-0, on a takedown, but got one back on an escape with 10 seconds to go in the first period.

He was trailing, 2-1, to start the second.

Agustakis, from a long line of West Springfield All-Western Mass. wrestlers, was clearly the more aggressive of the two. He got snookered a bit by the Brownie senior with 20 seconds left in the second period. His attempted takedown was

cancelled by a reversal. And Wayte went up 3-2.
Finally, in the third period, Wayte gained some control. He got two on a takedown and two more for riding time at the 1:05 mark. Agustakis had no clue at this point. He got two on a reversal, but time was running out on him. It was 9-5, Agawam, with 30 seconds left. It would stand.

Things Were All But Over... Agawam went into the 140's up 20-6, and things were all but over. However, West Springfield tried for a comeback. Agawam's **Matt Quirk** was the victim of a pin at the hands of Mark Flynn. Flynn was up, 2-0, with 1:12 gone in the second period.



SIX GOOD REASONS WHY THE AGAWAM HIGH BROWNIES are in prime position to defend their Division I Western Mass. wrestling title in 1999 are, from left - Assistant Coach Ryan Grealis, captain Adam Blair, Coach Phil Tomkiel, captain Mark Engleman, and Assistant Coach Chris Chechile. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

He got Quirk down and desperate and got his pin-

The kid who proved to be a stopper was All-Western Mass. senior Mark Engleman in the 145's. It was another fight, but Engleman (on true grit) prevailed, 3-2 over West Springfield's Don

It was only 1-0, Agawam going into the third period. Engleman was having a problem trying to figure out Galas, who was wrestling defensively. (He knew aggressiveness against the Agawam senior would be met with disastrous results.) Engleman got two on a takedown and one on an escape in the third and won, 3-2.

All-Western Mass. senior Adam Blair came up in the 152's. He was ahead of Mike Frank, 6-3 at the and of the first A Frank reversel severthe serversel.

the end of the first. A Frank reversal saw the score 6-3, Agawam with 40 seconds left in the second. It was 8-5, Agawam on a Blair takedown with 20 seconds left.

Blair came out trying for the pin in the third. He shot, but couldn't flip Frank. The Terrier managed two on a reversal and only trailed 10-7 with 55 seconds left. Blair, who always wrestles way above what you would think his ability level might be, got downright evil.

In the true mode of a champion, he wasn't go-

ing to be denied. A takedown and an escape put him up 13-7, and he finished with a 13-8 win.
Senior **John Weinle** appeared in the 171's. He

beat Scott Kelly in a bruising match. For a time, it looked to be all Weinle's. He led 5-0 after one. He was going for a pin at 1:03 of the second and was up, 13-0, with 36 seconds left in that period. He was leading, 13-1 when it ended.

Kelly rose up in the third like Methuselah. It was a turn of events! He got Weinle into a cradle with 1:45 to go and looked to be going for a pin, down 13-1. Weinle was desperate. He could feel the space between his shoulders and the mat diminishing with each passing second. It takes a great amount of skill to get out of a cradle. Weinle did it but was awarded no points. Kelly got five. It ended 13-6, Weinle. Things might have been different. The Brownie assessed a his tree.

ferent. The Brownie escaped a big trap.

Agawam lost the final three matches. In the 189's, Justin Petrangelo lost to Genapi Belishev. The 215's saw Paul Johnson lose to Scott Miltmore, and in the helping. Brian Pedraza fell to Brian Small on a pinfall.

At this writing, we are awaiting a visit by Ludlow on Wednesday, February 3rd (presstime), at Kibbe Gym. That one will be for the A Division crown.



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Brownies Easily Whip West Side In Girls' Hoop

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' basketball team traveled to West Springfield High School last Friday afternoon for a make-up game against the Terriers. The ensuing 59-24 Agawam win was not the kind of thing you would want your kid to see, especially with the recent history between these two schools.

"No, it had nothing to do with them beating us in the Western Mass. semi-finals last winter," senior Barb Maloni said, with that crooked little assassin's grin she uses every now and then.
"They didn't even have one kid starting today who
was in that game," she added.
It was a case well taken. No kid in that game
last season would have wanted to be in this one.

The Brownies were on top, 14-0, with five minutes gone. They were up, 20-0 at the 9:38 mark on a deuce by Pia Bertone-Gross (seven points,

seven rebounds, six offensive).

Outshooting The Terriers From The Field...

At the 9:38 mark, Agawam was outshooting West Springfield from the field — 9-12 to 0-7. The Terriers were in a 2-3 zone against Agawam's

Agawam Coach Lou Conte took his starters out with 7:25 left in the first half. West Springfield got their first field goal at 5:10. It was 26-2 at that

Remember those gangster movies? They used to have this line — "Forgetta' bout it!" It was over at the half. Agawam led, 33-8.

West Springfield came out for the second 16 minutes in an up-tempo mode. Agawam was in a zone. They did not need anything else. Maloni, who would have 27 points for the game, had 24 at the 7:39 mark. Conte pulled all his starters but Maloni. At that point, she was 6-7 from the field, including two three-pointers. Then she was yanked 30 seconds later. The score was 55-22,

Agawam.
AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS: Maloni — 27 points (12-16 fgs, plus 2 3's, 1-2 fts, 5 rebounds); Cote — 8 points (4-5, 8 rebs, 3 offensive); Bucalo — 8 points (3-5 fgs, 2-3 fts, 2 rebs, 1 off); Bertone-Gross — 7 points (3-5 fgs, 1-2 fts, 7 rebs, 6 offensive); Tierney — 4 points (2-5, 4 offensive rebounds); Stieg — 3 points (1-3, 1 3 pt, 2 rebs, 2 off); Benton — 2 points (1-1 fgs, 2 offensive rebs); Lyman — 0 points (3 offensive rebounds); Gendron — 0 points (3 offensive rebounds).

AGAWAM TEAM STATS:

Fgs — 26-43 including 3 3's (60 percent); Fts —

Fgs — 26-43 including 3 3's (60 percent); Fts — 4-7 (57 percent); Rebounds — 37, offensive — 24; Turnovers — 16, points off turnovers — 6.

WEST SPRINGFIELD TEAM STATS: Fgs — 11-49, 1 3 (20 percent), 1-6 fts; Rebounds — 9, off — 6; Turnovers — 13, points off turnovers

The Brownie JV's won, 50-38. Jenna Shea had

Second Agawam Girls' **Lacrosse Clinic Slated** For Early March

The Second Annual Agawam Girls' Lacrosse Clinic will be held at Agawam Junior High School on March 8th, 9th, and 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for girls in grades five through eight.

Lacrosse is the fastest sport on two feet, so come and be a part of this exciting game. Learn the basic fundamentals of catching, throwing,

shooting, cradling, and game play.

The cost for the entire clinic is \$20. Checks should be made payable to "Agamam Girls' Lacrosse Booster Club."

Sticks will be provided for those in need. Longsleeve lacrosse T-shirts and shorts will also be on sale at the clinic.

Registration will take place at 5:30 p.m. on March 8th in the Junior High gymnasium.

For more information, contact Cindy Grieve at

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AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY GIRLS' basketball players, from left - Katie Shannon, Pia Bertone-Gross, Melissa Cote, Jill Gendron, Laura Bucalo, Elizabeth Stieg, Barbara Maloni, Jen Lyman, and Kara Tierney are all smiles following the team's easy win over West Springfield last Friday. photo by Dave Rollins.

Conte's Troops Trounce Chicopee Comp, 68-44, In Girls' Basketball

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

After a while, you run out of questions to ask the Agawam High girls' basketball team. Case in point: their 68-44 win Tuesday afternoon, February 2nd, over Chicopee Comp. How good they are isn't a question anymore

Coach Lou Conte had this to say about his 14-0 team: "Well, we gave up more points than we have all year long." He was right on. Also, they had their second-highest scoring game of the year. Only the Taconic game (74-37) back on January 2nd was bigger. For this team, it's offense and defense together. Someone scores on you; you score more on them score more on them.

The top of the lineup did the most damage. Yet, early on, they were down. Comp led, 8-6 with 3:30 gone. Then Barbara Maloni (33 points) worked her

magic. A trey and a couple of deuces from the senior suddenly saw the score at 10-6 Agawam.

The defense, led by seniors Melissa Cote, Pia Bertone-Gross, and Maloni, with some help by juniors Jill Gendron and Sheri Benton, went to work in their natented man to man defence. They work in their patented man-to-man defense. They got into the Colts' shirts and stayed there. With 8:52 to go, they'd allowed Comp only six shots while shooting 8-16 for a 21-10 lead. Brownies Toy With The Opposition...

Comp, coming in at 5-8, didn't want to go away. Comp, coming in at 5-8, didn't want to go away. They closed the gap to 21-17 with 7:38 left. Then Maloni canned a three, Cote hit consecutive hoops, and it was 28-19, Brownies. This Agawam team seems to toy with the lesser opposition at times, prompting Conte to respond, "We can't afford to have defensive lapses against Amherst." His troops face the Hurricanes (8-4, 2-3) up there, Friday night. The last time the two clubs met, Agawam won, 56-35, at Kibbe Gym.

Anyway, back to the game. Agawam was up, 37-24 at the half. The Brownies came out for the second 16 minutes in a zone. Maloni got three on a shot and a foul. It was 52-30, Agawam at the 9:41

Bertone-Gross (14 points, 7 rebounds) patrolled the paint like an avenging angel. Her sidekick, Cote (7 points, 12 boards), was right by her side. Again, Conte (knowing it was a done deal) put in the second team of Laura Bucalo, Kara Tierney, Liz Stieg, Jen Lyman, and Benton. Those five (all underclassmen except for Tierney) are a good lineup that can play quality hoop against nearly all of AHS's opponents. They got the score up to 64-40 with 2:23 to go and a 68-44 ending.

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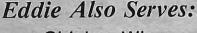
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Agawam Hockey Vs Chicopee Comp...

A Defensive Gem As **Brownies & Colts** Battle To 2-2 Tie

by Dave Rollins Sports Editor

They say a tie in sports is like kissing your sister. Sometimes that kiss is like one with Carmen Electra or Cindy Crawford. You will take it

and be glad you did. Such was Agawam High's 2-2 tie last Thursday against Chicopee Comp. It ran the Agawam record to 8-4-2 (Comp left at 5-5-2). It was a battle

of defensive players — not something the Brownies are used to.

"Yeah, we could have started out better. But we knew it was going to be a war," Agawam goalie Mike Schmidt said afterwards. He was referring to Comp's keeper, Mark Donnelly. Schmidt is a com-er. Donnelly is already there. It was pretty to watch

Both teams came out with a vengeance. The last time they'd played, Agawam won, 5-2. But Donnelly wasn't in net. It was a classic match-up. Agawam was flying early on. Junior forward Dave Gusek and sophomore forward Tony LeClaire led the charge. Adam Sprague had a great defensive play down low when he skate-skidded a save that was headed for Schmidt's net.

Comp wasn't going to back down. They attacked behind Donnelly, who stopped efforts by Jason Malanson and Brian Pagella. It got as good as it will ever get at the 10:34 mark. Everyone, on both sides, was hitting everything that moved. The Brownies were playing the wings. Mike Kosinski, Gusek, Tony Kosinski, and Jason Callahan had a productive shift.

Comp was small, but they didn't back down against the Brownies. With 7:35 left in the first, it was even up. It was a good hockey game that just

kept getting better.

Defenseman Brian Gilhooley had a big rush up the left wing at 6:52. No one touched him. Gilhooley swooped in on Donnelly like a vulture going for raw meat. The Colt keeper made the

save — a great one.

One minute later, Gusek came in, stickhandling all the way, and launched. Donnelly made the save. With five minutes to go, Tony Kosinski was out front from 15 feet on center. He sent a shot Donnelly's way. The Colt made the

Comp came back and stormed Schmidt. They took a penalty and the Brownies went up a man. They couldn't do a thing. However, with 30 seconds left in the penalty and 2:50 left in the period, Andy Radwanski had a right-on opportunity. The senior forward took the slap shot from 20 feet dead center (in front). Donnelly was dead, no matter how good he might have been. His only prayer was answered. Radwanski misfired. The first ended, 0-0.

The First Score Of The Game...

The first score of the game came off the stick of Agawam's Malanson. He was in a dogfight behind the Comp net. Along with him were Radwanski and Brian Pagella. They dug it out and laid the puck on Malanson's stick. He wristed it home past the overmatched Donnelly

Agawam slipped a bit on defense at the 9:24 mark. Mike Abbott skated the length of the left wing and took Schmidt down low right. It was 1-1.

Agawam had a power play at the 6:04 mark of the second. The buzzer helped the Colts. They killed the man-short situation but were skating on their heels with three minutes left in the second. Agawam surged on the Comp net. Then Agawam broke out. Malanson had a breakaway. He hit one from 20 feet out in front out of a screen. Donnelly who must have been counting lucky stars, padded

it wide.
You would think things would calm down. Schmidt had two great saves and Comp was looking for more. Scott Martin reared back and had a lane. He sent a laser beam past Schmidt that even Patrick Roy couldn't have stopped.

It was 2-1 and not over. Comp ended the second with that 2-1 advantage. Agawam started the third down a man. Pagella, Sprague, Radwanski, and Gilhooley were the penalty killers. They did their

At 13:06, you saw the tying score on the way. Things started from the right front. Everything was low. Donnelly was screened. Gusek and LeClaire had the puck. Tony Kosinski set up camp out in front, watching the battle behind the net. The puck was flipped to him like a pancake in a short order joint. Donnelly never saw the play.

Towards the end of the game, Comp came up big. "They were all over our crease. They were

sending everyone through. We put the body on them. We played great defense," Schmidt said. "We aren't happy with a tie. But we'll take it. A point means we're still tied with Amherst," assistant varsity Coach John Cirelli said.



MEMBERS OF THE 1998-1999 Agawam High varsity hockey team. Back row, from left -Dave Gosek, Brian Pagella, Brian Gilhooley, Tony LeClaire, Tony Kosinski, Joe Case, and Assistant Coach Bryan Hollister, Middle row - manager Becky Crumm, Greg Glidden, Adam Sprague, Jason Callahan, Mike Kosinski, Matt Pereira, Dave Hearn, Dennis Walters, and Jane Santucci. Front row - Mike Schmidt, Coach Fran Pycko, Josh Sprague, Ben Kashamanian, Andy Radwanski, Assistant Coach John Cirelli, and Derek Mercadante. Missing -Jason Malanson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1998-1999 Agawam High varsity hockey team, from left - Tony Kosinski, Andy Radwanski, Mike Schmidt, Josh Sprague, and Dave Hearn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Claims First Place By Dropping Amherst, 6-1

by Dave Rollins **Sports Editor**

High school hockey can be a tough sport. You can't fight (though the frustration level runs high) because you will be thrown out, maybe for the entire season. Around here, the competition is usually very good. Most games are mini-wars. Sometimes those wars never materialize, just like Agawam High's much-anticipated battle against Amherst Regional on Tuesday, February 2nd. The two teams were tied for the top of the Fay Division. Something had to give.
It did, in the form of a 6-1 Brownie win. The vic-

tory raised Agawam to 9-4-2 and 6-1-1 in the Fay Division. That is good enough for the outright lead ahead of Amherst (7-6-1, 5-3-1).

Again, it was the resurgent Brownie defense, led by keeper Mike Schmidt, that carried the day, much as they'd done a week earlier in a two-all tie against Chicopee Comp. Schmidt lost his shutout with only two minutes left in the game.

The big gun on offense was Andy Radwanski. Radwanski has come on in recent weeks, scoring goals in many key situations. He had three in this one for six on the season.

Also lighting the lamp for the Brownies were Tony LeClaire (the team's leading scorer - 20 goals), Mike Kosinski, and Jason Malanson.

Agawam Piranhas Bow To Team From East Longmeadow

The Agawam Piranhas swim team lost against the East Longmeadow team by a score of 172-240 on January 23, 1999 at the East Longmeadow High School. The results included: Girls 8 & under:

The team of Krystinia Albano, Nicole Bouley, Taryn Dooley, and Kathryn Malone placed second

in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Stephanie Scavotta, first in 25-yard freestyle. Krystinia Albano, second in 25-yard butterfly. Stephanie Scavotta, second, and Kathryn Malone, third in 50-yard freestyle. Krystinia Albano, first, and Nicole Bouley, third in the 25-yard backstroke. Taryn Dooley, first, and Kathryn Malone, third in 25-yard breaststroke. Boys 8 & under:

David Dominik, third in 25-yard freestyle. Andrew Ardolino, first in 25-yard butterfly. Andrew Ardolino, second in 50-yard freestyle. David Dominik, third in 25-yard backstroke. Andrew Ardolino, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Julie Gorman, Tammy Gorman, Johannah Kos, and Brittany Gutowski placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Johannah Kos, first, and Tammy Gorman, se-

cond in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Jennifer Bouley, Angela Virella,
Tara Walker, and Katelyn lacolo placed third in
the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Angela Virella, third in 50-yard freestyle. Johannah Kos, first, and Julie Gorman, second in 50-yard butterfly. Allison Nyman, third in 100-yard freestyle. Tammy Gorman, first, and Angela Virella, third in 50-yard backstroke. Julie Gorman, second, and Caitlin Hurley, third in 50-yard breaststroke. Boys 9-10:

Anthony Ardolino, first in 50-yard freestyle; first in 50-yard backstroke. Girls 11-12:

Katie Gorman, first, and Angela Vinton, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Jillian Kos, first, and Meredith Golbach, third in 200-yard freestyle. Abriana Spagnoli, second in 50-yard freestyle. Jessica Lalli, second, and Meredith Golbach, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Jillian Kos, first in 100-yard freestyle. Jessica Lalli, first, and Kaitlin Bond, third in 50-yard backstroke. Katie Gorman, second, and Jennifer Clark, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

The team of Katie Gorman, Jillian Kos, Jessica Lalli, and Abriana Spagnoli placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Boys 11-12:

Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 200-yard freestyle. Connor Dooley, first in 50-yard freestyle. Jeffrey Lagasse, second in the 50-yard butterfly. Matthew Gendron, first in 100-yard freestyle. Connor Dooley, second in 50-yard backstroke. Girls 13-14:

Allison Morris, first in 200-yard individual medley. Daveen Macsata, first in 200-yard freestyle. Brittany Theriaque, first in 50-yard freestyle; first in 100-yard freestyle. Daveen Macsata, first in 100-yard backstroke. Allison Morris, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14: The team of Jason St. Geroge, Steven Iacolo, David Torrey, and Wayne Mitchell placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Kyle Sullivan, second in 200-yard individual

medley. Paul Lagasse, second, and Michael Lalli, third in 200-yard freestyle. Daniel Adamski, first, and David Torrey, second in 50-yard freestyle. Kyle Sullivan, second, and Michael Lalli, third in 100-yard butterfly. Thomas Gorman, first, and Steven lacolo, third in 100-yard freestyle. Daniel Adamski, second in 100-yard backstroke. David Torrey, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

The team of Daniel Adamski, Paul Lagasse, Kyle Sullivan, and wayne Mitchell placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Girls 15-18:

Kaitlin Morris, first in 50-yard freestyle; first in 100-yard freestyle. Boys 15-18:

Nathan Adamski, first in 50-yard freestyle; first in 100-yard backstroke.

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Pia Bertone-Gross Brings Much To The Table For AHS Girls' Hoop

For four years, Pia Bertone-Gross has been a member in good (as well as tall) standing with the Agawam High girls' basketball team, one of the premiere teams in the state in each of those

winter seasons. Recently, the senior took time to talk about her days at AHS.

Pia turned 18 on November 9th. She is a 6' center on the team. "I'm always asked how tall I am. People guess from 5'9" to 6'1". But I'm just

six feet," she smiled.

Pia is counted on for rebounding, good inside defense, and scoring in and around the line. She has soft hands and silky-smooth moves to the hoop. She is also an excellent foul shooter, and averages 10.7 points and six boards per game.

Pia has spent all four years of her secondary education at AHS. Currently, she's taking physics, English 12, gym, integrated math, and practical

Physics is her favorite course, with Arthur Gage as her top teacher.

She hasn't decided on a college yet.

Besides basketball, she also runs track, specializing in the two-mile.

Pleased With The Basketball Season So Far So far, Pia is pleased with the current season. They are unbeaten (14-0), have qualified for the tournament, are ranked number one in Division I in Western Mass., and have their sights set on recapturing the Western Mass. title.

The Brownies have a war scheduled on Tuesday, February 9th, at home against arch-rival Minnechaug Regional (game time 7:30 p.m.). A lot is on the line for this game, including the outright claim for the Valley Wheel title for the Brownies (the two schools have shared this the past two years) and the probable number one seed in the upcoming Division I Western Mass. tournament.
Minnechaug, of course, is the two-time Western

Mass. and state champions (with AHS probably being the second best team in the state in each of those two years). Pia helped the Brownies defeat the Falcons in a tight, tight game last month in Wilbraham and everyone, including her, is expecting another barnburner on Tuesday night.

Pia's favorite food is ice cream. She favors the color blue Her car would be a Mustang. She has no favorite athlete. Down at Cape Cod during the summer is where



PIA BERTONE-GROSS

she likes to hang out and relax.

Pia has two choices in the way of clothes casual and (on occasion) dress-up.

She likes all kinds of music, except for country.

She likes all kinds of music, except for country. "Dharma and Greg" is tops on the tube for her. Her favorite flick is "Sleepless in Seattle."

Her dad's name is Jim. Her mom's name is Patricia (a teacher at AHS). She has two older brothers, Noah (21) and Seth (19).

Former AHS basketball player (1,313 point scorer) and Stonehill College star Kim Trudeau is the person she looks up to. "I had an opportunity to play with her in the town league. She impressed me:"

Pia would like to be remembered this way when her days at AHS are done: "Someone who always tried to be the best and was never satisfied unless

Coach Lou Conte has said many times before that Pia is a positive force on Agawam High's girls' basketball team, and never stops working at being as good as she can be.

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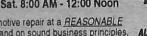
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In Tri-Parish Bowling...

St. Mary's Squeaks By **Boston College To Take Round Two Title**

The curtain came down on round two of the Tri-Parish Bowling League at the end of the evening on Monday, January 25th, and it was certainly curtains for Boston College as St. Mary's just edged by them to win the round two championship.

BC and St. Mary's had accumulated identical records of 26-14 as of the last Monday in January, but St. Mary's higher pinfall applied its members.

records of 26-14 as of the last Monday in January, but St. Mary's higher pinfall enabled its members to lay claim to the title. Congratulations to St. Mary's victorious players — MARSHA "Not Brady" DOBIE, "Juicy" LUCY MENARD, DON "Don't Sit On" STITT, and "Richy" RICH SNYDER. With a 24-16 standing, Holy Cross managed to come in third place in round two, followed by Fordham (20-20), Georgetown (19-21), St. Anselm (19-21), St. Louis (18-22), Notre Dame (17-23), and tied-for-last-place St. Michael's and Catholic University (with 15-25 each).

On January 25th, BC did manage to defeat St. Mary's, 3-1, but St. Mary's two-game lead in the standings was able to absorb this last-minute attack by the folks on the BC team. Meanwhile, Holy

tack by the folks on the BC team. Meanwhile, Holy Cross clobbered Georgetown, 4-0; Fordham bested St. Louis, 3-1; St. Anselm dominated St. Michael's, 3-1; and Notre Dame toppled Catholic

As for the individual rollers on this particular night, there were some new faces in the winner's circle. "Jolly" OLLY MULDREW certainly had reason to smile, as his 157 single string and 412 triple string made him the men's leader.

BILL "Black And Blue" GRAY was the runner-up

(160 single, 379 triple), and other impressive performances were turned in by RON "The Don" MENARD (126, 370), "Luscious" LOU MULDREW (136, 358), the aforementioned "Richy" RICH SNYDER (121, 340), GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (129, 335), and ROGER "Rabbit" JOSEPHSON (132, 324).

"Go With The" FLO ROCHFORD (135 single string 365 triple string) was the top ladies' roller over

ing, 365 triple string) was the top ladies' roller over "The Mighty" DEB POIRIER (115 single, 326 triple), who had to settle for second after several

weeks of first-place finishes.

BARB "Wire" HOWARD (119, 325) was in third, followed by CORI "Not Lori" NAPOLITAN (119, 314), "Testy" BETSY CANNON (114, 314), MAUREEN "Not McCormick" LYNCOSKY (118, 298), and MARY "Not Tyler Moore" THOMAS (106, 293).

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Agawam Babe Ruth Sign-Ups Slated For This Month

The Agawam Babe Ruth League has scheduled its annual Baseball Sign-Ups for February 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and February 24th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

The League is for 13 to 15 year-olds. Any person who turns 13 by August 1, 1999, but has not turned 16 by the same date, is eligible to participate.

The registration fee is \$75.
For further information, please call William Walsh at 786-7701, or John DeBonville at 786-3588.

Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic To Begin February 9th

Beginning February 9th, a girls' softball pitching clinic will be held on four Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School small gip.

The program is open to girls ages eight to 17.
The cost of the four-week program is \$15.
For further information, contact the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department at 821-0513.

4H Horse Club Seeks **Donations Of Used Or New Trophies**

The Mane-I-Acs 4H Horse Club is looking for donations of used or new trophies to be refurbished and used in our June horse show.

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by Kent Servis **Outdoor Writer**

Mawaga Club Ice Fishing Derby This Sunday

The Mawaga Sporting Club will hold its annual ice fishing derby on Sunday, February 7th, at the club grounds. The public is invited to attend the event and no fishing license is necessary to fish this event in the club's stocked trout pond.

If past derbies are any indication, a good time will be had by everyone. The entry fee is \$15 and includes a hearty breakfast that will be served from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

The actual fishing hours for the derby will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. I understand that there will be extra help available for those who don't have their own ice augers.

The top cash prize is \$100, and prizes will be awarded for the five largest fish.

If you and the youngsters are in need of a cabin fever break and don't feel like driving too far, stop at the club grounds on Adams Street and have a

SEMINAR ON RIVER STRIPERS A BIG SUCCESS Friday night's seminar on fishing for stripers at the Howard Johnson's Conference Center in Windsor Locks was a sell-out smash.

It was standing-room-only as 400 avid anglers gathered to soak up information from some of the most knowledgeable fishermen on the river.

Agawam's own Joe Polaski coordinated the seminar through the web site he founded. The online site is known as Connecticut River Stripers and Bass.

For those with computers, the web address is www.ctriverstripers.com. The web site is updated daily once the stripers began to move into the river in spring.

This is a dynamite reference for area fishermen, and daily visits are in order when the fish are in.

There are links to other sites of interest such as weather, tides, and NOAA satellite photos and temperature charts.

For those of you who are not yet "true believers," check out some of the photos in the photo album online. You will see fishing greats such as Roland Martin with some nice Connec-

ticut River Stripers. With the completely sold-out attendance at this seminar, I would not be suprised to see Joe and his crew planning another one in the not-toodistant future. Joe tells me that the response was so overwhelming that the event had been sold out in advance several weeks ahead of the seminar.

Pat Abate from Rivers End tackle shop in Old Saybrook, CT, gave a presentation on fishing the lower Connecticut River from the mouth up to Haddam, Connecticut. Pat was good enough to Haddam, Connecticut. Pat was good enough to Haddam, Connecticut. provide a map hand-out showing the hot spots that he pointed out during his talk.

Steve Gephard, a Connecticut D.E.P. official, gave an assessment of the state of andromodous fish stocks with special emphasis to the problem with low-herring populations. The herring are the favorite striper snacks and if there are no herring, there will be no stripers in the river system

Ron Angelo gave an interesting presentation on fly fishing in the Connecticut River for big stripers. Ron also demonstrated fly tying techniques used for big striper flys during the breaks.

Last but certainly not least, the featured speaker was Connecticut River guide Joe Netolicky. Joe has more experience guiding for trophy stripers on the Connecticut River than anyone else alive. His easygoing style and wealth of knowledge on the subject kept everyone's attention.

Many people were disappointed that there were no tickets left and expressed an interest in having another program run before the spring striper mania gets underway.

It was a great night of learning from the pros and swapping fish stories afterwards with fellow anglers after the 3½-hour program was over.
Thanks, Joe ... GREAT JOB!

Softball Pitchers Can **Learn From Course By** Ag. Parks Dept.

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept. will be holding a "Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic" on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School small gym.

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For more information, call 821-0513.

Camping & Outdoor Show Coming To BIG E Grounds Feb. 12th -15th

The Springfield Camping & Outdoor Show, which is located on the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield, is entering its 37th year and will feature over 170 exhibitors from New

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The show is produced and staffed entirely by volunteers from Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 of the North American Family Campers Association (NAFCA). Billed as "a show for campers by campers," the members of Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 are extremely proud of the size and quality of the show over the past 37 years.

The dates and times for the show are as

follows:

Friday, February 12th, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 13th, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

Monday, February 15th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Exhibits under roof in three huge buildings will include the latest in RVs, vans and accessories, travel trailers, tent trailers, camping supplies, backpacking equipment, and services such as mobile RV rapairs, vacation brokers, motorhome rentals, RV insurance and financing, camping

clubs, and outdoor publications.

Additional attractions this year will include entertainment provided by the world famous Shriners Clowns, magic shows, animal shows, a magic show, and others. A drawing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15th, for major prizes, including an all-expense paid trip to Disney World, a pair of mountain bikes, and a complete family tenting package. Children's prizes include a bike with helmet and a tenting

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Baywest Warriors On A Roll With Wins Over Westfield & Holy Name

The Baywest Warriors won their third game of the season against Westfield. The game was even on both teams with a 0-0 tie into the second

The Warriors' offense was tough with Jake Labelle and Josh Edwards on some nice breakaways. John Duval and Matt Woodward had outstanding defense to keep Westfield away from

A nice assist from Ryan Harlow to Nick Pandolfi, who had the first goal of the game, into the right hand corner of the net. With a 1-0 lead, Anthony Barker and Aaron Damario kept Westfield's

offense going astray.

Mike Brouillette and Tim O'Brien had some nice breakaways but Westfield's defense was too strong. With 2:00 left in the third period, a pass from John Duval to Ryan Harlow to score the second (winning) goal of the game and give Baywest a 2-1 lead. With one minute left, Ryan Harlow had

a nice breakaway to give the Warriors a 3-1 lead. Still hopping, Mike Dunphy had his first goal of the season with one second left in the game, giving the Warriors a 4-1 win. Once again, Tony Boido had an outstanding game in goal, letting only one

The Baywest Warriors had a good "Super Bowl" Sunday game with a 5-0 win over Holy Name.

With 12 seconds into the first period, Mike Brouillette had a super shot on goal with an assist from Jake Labelle.

Within minutes, Ryan Harlow slapped a shot that Anthony Barker had passed onto Jake Labelle, giving Jake the second goal of the game.

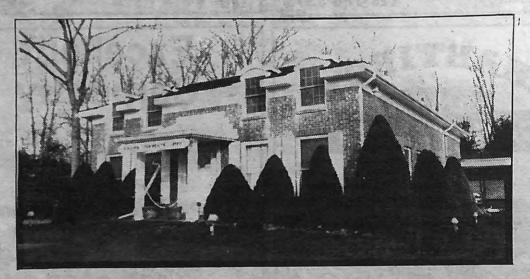
With a 2-0 lead into the third, Aaron Damario and Matt Woodward kept on their toes, keeping

Holy Name out of the zone.

John Duval and Anthony Barker had some nice slapshots on goal. Mike Dunphy and Josh Edwards had the passing techniques, but couldn't get the puck in the net until an assist from Josh Edwards to Nick Pandolfi gave Nick a nice goal for number three of the game.

Offense was on fire as Mat Footit slapshot the puck in the net to make it 4-0. With Tim O'Brien and Jake Labelle passing back and forth to hit the net, only to be rejected by the Holy Name goalie, Jake had a nice assist to Mike Brouillette to give him his second goal of the game. Tony Boido had has second shutout of the season, having some fantastic saves.

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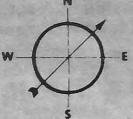
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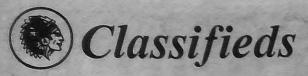
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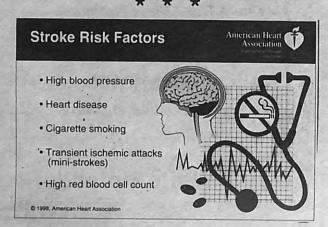
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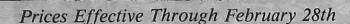
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